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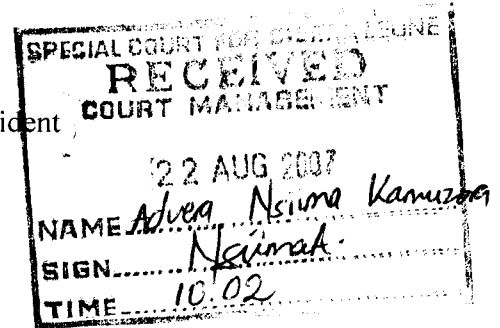
**SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE**  
Freetown – Sierra Leone

IN THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before: Hon. Justice George Gelaga King, President  
Hon. Justice Emmanuel Ayoola  
Hon. Justice A. Raja N. Fernando  
Hon. Justice Renate Winter  
Hon. Justice Geoffrey Robertson, QC

Acting Registrar: Mr. Herman Von Hebel

Date filed: 22 August 2007



**THE PROSECUTOR**

**Against**

**Alex Tamba Brima  
Brima Bazy Kamara  
Santigie Borbor Kanu**

Case No. SCSL-04-16-A

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**URGENT**

**PROSECUTION REPLY TO BRIMA-KAMARA RESPONSE TO PROSECUTION MOTION FOR  
AN EXTENSION OF THE PAGE LIMIT FOR ITS APPEAL BRIEF**

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1. On 2 August 2007, the Prosecution filed a motion entitled “Prosecution Motion for an Extension of the Page Limit For its Appeal Brief” (the “**Prosecution Motion**”),<sup>1</sup> seeking an order extending the page limit for the Prosecution appeal brief to 250 pages. On 20 August 2007, the Brima Defence and Kamara Defence filed a joint response to the Prosecution Motion (the “**Brima-Kamara Response**”).<sup>2</sup> The Prosecution files the present reply to the Brima-Kamara Response.
2. The Prosecution notes that no response to the Prosecution Motion has been filed by the Kanu Defence within time-limit prescribed by Rule 7(C) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence.
3. The Prosecution respectfully recalls its request in the Prosecution Motion that the Appeals Chamber decide the Prosecution Motion as a matter of urgency, to enable the Prosecution to organize its work.
4. The Prosecution notes that the Brima-Kamara Response indicates that the Brima Defence and Kamara Defence have no objection to the Prosecution request for an extension of the page limit for its appeal brief. Given that the Kanu Defence has filed no response to the Prosecution Motion, it has therefore also raised no objection to the Prosecution Motion.
5. In the Brima-Kamara Response, the Brima Defence and Kamara Defence submit that if the Prosecution Motion is granted, a 20 page extension should be given to each Defence team in order that they may adequately respond to all matters raised by the Prosecution.<sup>3</sup> While the Brima-Kamara Response is not clear on the matter, it appears that the Brima-Kamara Response must be seeking an additional 20 pages for each Defence team for the Defence responses to the Prosecution appeal brief.

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<sup>1</sup> *Prosecutor v. Brima, Kamara and Kanu*, SCSL-04-16-A-637, “Prosecution Motion for an Extension of the Page Limit for its Appeal Brief”, 2 August 2007.

<sup>2</sup> *Prosecutor v. Brima, Kamara and Kanu*, SCSL-04-16-A-642, “Brima-Kamara Joint Response to Urgent Prosecution Motion for an Extension of the Page Limit for its Appeal Brief”, 20 August 2007.

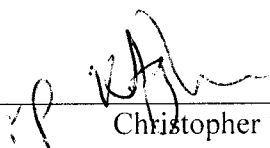
<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 5.

6. The Prosecution is not in principle opposed to the Defence teams being granted a modest extension of the page limit for their respective response briefs, if they consider this to be necessary. However, as a matter of practicality, the Prosecution submits that none of the parties can make a considered assessment of what page limit they will require for their response briefs until after they have seen the other parties' appeal briefs. It is therefore submitted that any requests for extensions of page limits for response briefs should be deferred until that time.
7. In this respect, the Prosecution recalls that in the "Joint Defence and Prosecution Motion for an Extension of Time For the Filing of Appeal Briefs", filed jointly by all three Defence teams and the Prosecution on 2 August 2007,<sup>4</sup> it was foreshadowed that after the appeal briefs of all parties have been filed, all of the parties would consult with a view to ascertaining whether there is a common view that an extension of time of a particular length is necessary for the response briefs. The Prosecution submits that in the course of that consultation between the Prosecution and the Defence, the parties could also ascertain whether there is a common view that extensions of page limits of a particular length are also needed for the response briefs. To the extent that there are common views between the parties on these matters, the parties could file another joint motion at that time. To the extent that there is no common view, the parties would be free at that stage to file individual motions on these matters in the normal way.
8. The Prosecution therefore requests that the Prosecution Motion be granted, and that any consideration of extensions of the time limits or page limits for response briefs be deferred until after the parties appeal briefs have been filed.

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<sup>4</sup> *Prosecutor v. Brima, Kamara and Kanu*, SCSL-04-16-A-631, "Joint Defence and Prosecution Motion for an Extension of Time For the Filing of Appeal Briefs", 2 August 2007.

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