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RESIDUAL SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

Before: Justice Renate Winter
President

Registrar: Binta Mansaray, Registrar

Date: 6 December 2016

Case No: RSCSL-04-14-ES

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SUBMISSION OF THE REGISTRAR PURSUANT TO RULE 33(B) FOR A REQUEST
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLY WITH THE REGISTRAR'S OBLIGATIONS
AS PROVIDED IN THE DECISION ON ALLIEU KONDEWA'S ELIGIBILITY FOR
CONSIDERATION FOR CONDITIONAL EARLY RELEASE

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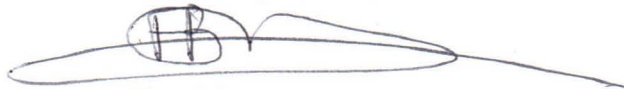
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1. On 22 September 2016, Mr. Allieu Kondewa filed an application for consideration for eligibility for conditional early release (“Application”) pursuant to Article 2 and Article 3 of the Practice Direction on the Conditional Early Release of Persons Convicted by the Special Court for Sierra Leone, as revised on 2 December 2016 (“Practice Direction”).
2. On 2 December 2016, the President issued a Decision granting the Application pursuant to a finding that Mr. Kondewa was considered eligible for consideration for conditional early release and ordering the Registrar to *inter alia*, provide the information required under Articles 5(C) to (H) of the Practice Direction no later than 30 days from the date of the Decision, i.e. on or before 2 January 2016 (“Order”).
3. Articles 5 (C) to (H) of the Practice Direction require the Registry to attain and collate detailed and extensive information, together with supporting documentation, to facilitate a determination of Mr. Kondewa’s request for conditional early release. This information includes obtaining reports and information from Rwandan prison authorities and the Government of Sierra Leone, witnesses, victims and others at risk on account of testimony given before the Special Court for Sierra Leone and representatives from Mr. Kondewa’s proposed place of residence in Sierra Leone (“Requested Area of Release”).
4. In order to comply with these obligations, the Registry is required *inter alia* to undertake field missions to different areas of Sierra Leone and possibly Liberia to consult with witnesses, victims, members of the Requested Area of Release and any other persons who may be at risk should Mr. Kondewa be granted conditional early release to assess their concerns and views in such regard.
5. In light of the limited staffing of the Residual Special Court office in Freetown, the limited resources available to the Court concerning transport and coordination of field missions, and obligations arising for the Witness and Victim’s Section of the Court related to the protection and support of witnesses and victims before the end of 2016, the Registrar is of the view that compliance with the Order by 2 January 2017 would not be attainable.

6. In the circumstances, the Registrar respectfully seeks an extension of time to comply with the Order until 30 January 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Binta Mansaray', written over a horizontal line.

Binta Mansaray
Registrar
Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone