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**SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE**

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Before: Judge Bankole Thompson

Registry: Mr. Robin Vincent

Decision of: 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2003

**THE PROSECUTOR**

**Against**

**ISSA HASSAN SESAY also known as ISSA SESAY**

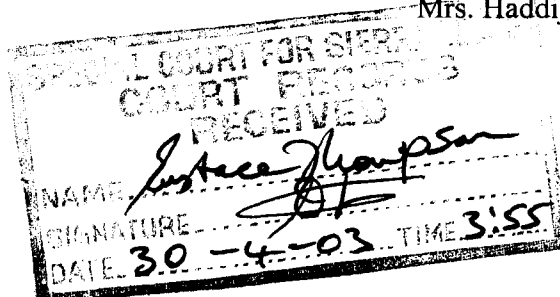
CASE NO. SCSL - 2003 - 05 - PT

**UNDER SEAL**

**ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CEASE ANY QUESTIONING OF THE ACCUSED**

The Office of the Prosecutor:  
Mr. Luc Cote'  
Mrs. Brenda Hollis

The Defence Office:  
Mr. John R.W.D. Jones  
Mrs. Claire Carlton-Hanciles  
Mr. Ibrahim Yillah  
Mrs. Haddijatu Kah-Jallow



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**THE SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE (“the Court”),**

**SITTING AS** Judge Bankole Thompson, designated by the President of the Special Court according to Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (“the Rules”);

**CONSIDERING** the Indictment against Issa Hassan Sesay (“the Accused”);

**HAVING RECEIVED** the Extremely Urgent and Confidential Request of the Defence Office for an Order Regarding Contact with the Accused of the 16<sup>th</sup> of April, 2003 (“the Defence Motion”), requesting, *inter alia*, for a permanent order to cease the Questioning of the Accused by the Prosecution in the absence of appropriate legal representation of the same by either Counsel or the Defence Office;

**HAVING RECEIVED** the Extremely Confidential Prosecution Response to the Defence Motion on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April, 2003 (“the Prosecution Response”);

**HAVING RECEIVED** the Extremely Urgent and Confidential Reply of the Defence Office to the Prosecution Response of the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, 2003;

**CONSIDERING** that the Court is carefully and cautiously seized of the parties’ submissions and that, consequently, final deliberation on the Defence Motion is still pending;

**CONSIDERING** the extreme urgency of the matter before the Court and nevertheless considering its extreme delicacy and confidentiality;

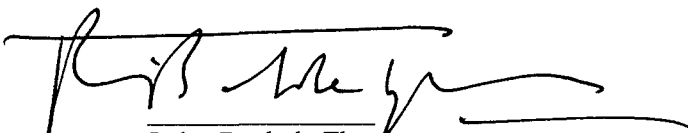
**CONSIDERING** that the only judicial option open to the Court at this stage in serving the interest of justice based on the parties’ submissions is to maintain the *status quo*, pending a final resolution of the matter;

**NOW HEREBY**, as an interim measure, pursuant to Rule 54 of the Rules,

**ORDERS** that any further questioning of the Accused by the Prosecution shall temporarily cease, with immediate effect, and shall be suspended until a final decision on the Defence Motion has been rendered by the Court;

**INSTRUCTS** the Registrar to take all necessary measures for the enforcement of this order, taking note in particular of the extreme confidentiality of the matter;

Done in Freetown, Sierra Leone this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003

  
Judge Bankole Thompson  
Delegated Judge



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