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SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR

TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before:

Justice Julia Sebutinde, Presiding

Justice Richard Lussick Justice Teresa Doherty

Justice El Hadji Malick Sow, Alternate Judge

Registrar:

Ms. Binta Mansaray

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THE PROSECUTOR

Against

Charles Ghankay Taylor

Case No. SCSL-03-01-T

PUBLIC
PROSECUTION RESPONSE TO PUBLIC MOTION FOR RIGHT TO APPEAR AS COUNSEL TO A
WITNESS

Office of the Prosecutor:

Ms. Brenda J. Hollis

Ms. Kathryn Howarth

Counsel for Ms. Carole White:

Mr. Daniel R. Bright

Counsel for the Accused:

Mr. Courtenay Griffiths, Q.C.

Mr. Terry Munyard

Mr. Morris Anyah

Mr. Silas Chekera

Mr. James Supuwood

- 1. The Prosecution files this response to the "Public Motion for Right to Appear as Counsel to a Witness" ("Motion"). The Motion is filed by Mr. Daniel R. Bright who is Counsel for Ms. Carole White, a Prosecution Witness who is scheduled to testify on 9 August 2010.
- 2. The Motion requests that the Trial Chamber permit Mr. Bright to sit in court in his capacity as Counsel for Ms. White when she gives evidence in other words, Mr. Bright seeks a right of appearance but not a right of audience before the Special Court.²
- 3. The Prosecution does not oppose the Motion and supports the relief sought by Counsel for Ms. White. It is the Prosecution's position that the Trial Chamber has the discretion to grant Mr. Bright the relief sought in the Motion, either pursuant to the protective measures regime under Rule 75(A), (which enables the Trial Chamber to order any appropriate measures to safeguard the privacy and security of witnesses,³ provided that the measures are consistent with the rights of the Accused), or alternatively on the basis that it is in the interests of justice to allow Ms. White's legal representative to be present in court. The requested relief does not violate the rights of the Accused and is in the interests of justice.

Filed in The Hague,

4 August 2010,

For the Prosecution,

Brenda J. Hollis

The Prosecutor

¹ Prosecutor v. Taylor, "Public Motion for Right to Appear as Counsel to a Witness", SCSL-03-01-T-1037, dated 30 July 2010 and filed on 3 August 2010.

² Motion at para. 4.

³ Notably, the list of measures provided in Rule 75(B) does not constitute an exhaustive list of potential measures available for the protection of victims or witnesses.

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