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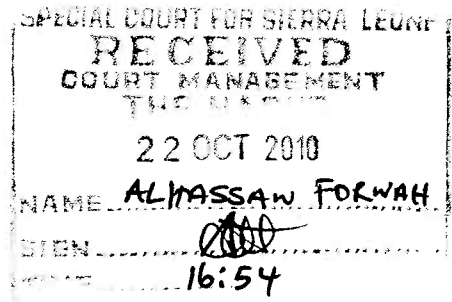
TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before: Justice Julia Sebutinde, Presiding Judge
Justice Richard Lussick
Justice Teresa Doherty
Justice El Hadji Malick Sow, Alternate Judge

Registrar: Binta Mansaray

Case No.: SCSL-03-1-T

Date: 22 October 2010



PROSECUTOR

v.

Charles Ghankay TAYLOR

ORDER SETTING A DATE FOR THE CLOSURE OF THE DEFENCE CASE AND DATES FOR
FILING OF FINAL TRIAL BRIEFS AND THE PRESENTATION OF CLOSING ARGUMENTS

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Counsel for the Accused:

Courtenay Griffiths, Q.C.

Terry Munyard

Morris Anyah

Silas Chekera

James Supuwood

TRIAL CHAMBER II (“Trial Chamber”) of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (“Special Court”);

RECALLING the Trial Chamber’s Order dated 19 October 2010 scheduling a Status Conference to be held on 22 October 2010, including a list of agenda items to be discussed at the Status Conference (“First Scheduling Order”);¹

RECALLING ALSO the Status Conference held on 22 October 2010 during which the said agenda items were discussed, in particular, the final stages of the proceedings and issues relating to Rule 86 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (“Rules”) and Article 6(B) of the Practice Direction on Filing Documents Before the Special Court for Sierra Leone (“Practice Direction”);

RECALLING in particular that the Defence indicated that it would formally close its case after the testimony of its last witness and in any event no later than 12 November 2010;²

RECALLING FURTHER that the Trial Chamber delivered an oral Ruling during the Status Conference and undertook to publish a written Scheduling Order;³

CONSIDERING that it is in the interest of justice and in keeping with the conduct of a fair and expeditious trial to issue guidelines for the filing of final trial briefs by the Parties and for the presentation of their closing arguments;

PURSUANT to the provisions of Rules 54 and 86 of the Rules;

HEREBY ISSUES THIS WRITTEN ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Defence shall close its case soon after the testimony of its last witness and in any event no later than 12 November 2010;
2. The Parties shall file their respective final trial briefs by 16:30 on 14 January 2011;
3. The final trial brief by each party shall be presented as a brief set of arguments or propositions as to why a particular count should be upheld or rejected, addressing specific allegations in each count and the responsibility of the Accused, and shall include references to the testimony of witnesses and exhibits with transcript page references made in footnotes;
4. The length of the final trial brief filed by each Party shall not exceed 600 pages;
5. The final trial briefs filed by the Parties shall in all other respects comply with the Practice Direction;

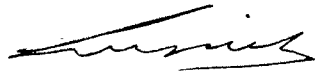
¹ *Prosecutor v. Taylor*, SCSL-03-01-T-1103.

² Transcript 22 October 2010, pp. 48342-48343.

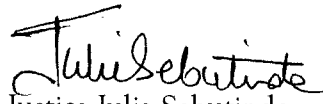
³ Transcript 27 October 2010, p. 48362.

6. A party may file a written response to the final trial brief of the opposing party by 16.30 on 31 January 2011;
7. The length of any response to the final trial brief shall not exceed 100 pages;
8. The Prosecution shall present its oral closing arguments on Tuesday, 8 February 2011, between 9:00 and 16:30;
9. The Defence may present its oral closing arguments on Wednesday, 9 February 2011, between 9:00 and 16:30;
10. The Prosecution may present oral arguments in rebuttal on Friday, 11 February 2011, from 9:00 to 11:00 and the Defence from 11:30 to 13:30.
11. Court Management Section is directed to serve any documents filed by a party pursuant to this Order, upon the other party and the Trial Chamber as soon as is practicable and without undue delay.

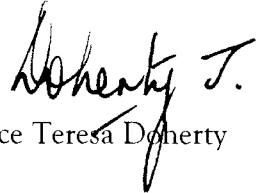
Done at The Hague, The Netherlands, this 22nd day of October 2010.



Justice Richard Lussick



Justice Julia Sebutinde
Presiding Judge



Justice Teresa Doherty

