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RESIDUAL SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

Before: Justice Teresa Doherty, Designated Duty Judge

Registrar: Ms. Binta Mansaray

Date: 26 August 2020

In the matter of

THE APPLICATION OF CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

Case No. RSCSL-03-01-ES- 1442

PUBLIC

**DIRECTION TO REGISTRAR PURSUANT TO RULE 33 ARISING FROM
THE APPLICATION OF CHARLES G. TAYLOR TO BE TEMPORARILY
TRANSFERRED TO A SAFE THIRD COUNTRY TO CONTINUE HIS
IMPRISONMENT**

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Mr. Ibrahim Yillah

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SEIZED of “Taylor’s Request for Temporary Transfer to a Safe Third Country to Continue His Imprisonment Due to Massive Outbreak of Covid-19 in the UK”¹ filed on 15 June 2020 (“Motion”), wherein Mr. Taylor asks to be transferred to a “third and safe country outside the United Kingdom as soon as is practicably possible” on the grounds that he is “extremely concerned about his physical safety and his health in general in the light of the current widespread nature of the coronavirus situation in the UK”;²

NOTING the Order of the President of 29 June 2020 appointing Justice Teresa Doherty as Designated Duty Judge;³

RECALLING that on 30 June 2020, this Court issued Directions:⁴ instructing, inter alia i) Defence Counsel to inform the Court of Mr. Taylor’s nationality or nationalities and to specify which “third and safe country outside the United Kingdom” he seeks temporary transfer to within eight (8) days of service of those Directions to Mr. Taylor; ii) granting the Defence Counsel’s request⁵ for an extension of time to file a Reply to the Response of the Prosecutor and the Registrar’s Submission within eight (8) days of service of those Directions to Mr. Taylor;

RECALLING that on 1 July 2020 the Principal Defender sought the withdrawal and/or recusal⁶ of the Designated Duty Judge from deciding Mr. Taylor’s Motion and that on 23 July 2020 the Duty Judge issued a Statement and a Decision declining to recuse herself⁷;

NOTING Decision of the Chamber on Principal Defender's Request for The Withdrawal and/or Recusal of Hon. Justice Teresa Doherty Of The United Kingdom (UK) as the Duty Judge on The Application Of Charles G. Taylor To Be Temporarily Transferred To A Safe Third Country To Continue His Imprisonment Due To The Massive Outbreak Of Covid 19 In The UK dated 24 August 2020;⁸

¹ RSCSL-03-01-ES 1442.

² RSCSL-03-01-ES 1442, para. 6.

³ RSCSL-03-01-ES 1446.

⁴ RSCSL-03-01-ES 1448.

⁵ RSCSL-03-01-ES 1447.

⁶ RSCSL-03-01-ES 1449.

⁷ RSCSL-03-01-ES 1457.

⁸ RSCSL-03-01-ES 1459

COGNISANT of the provisions and/or recommendations of the Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons of the Council of Europe (ETS No.112) AND of the Scheme for the Transfer of Convicted Offenders Within the Commonwealth;

COGNISANT FURTHER of the provisions of Rule 33 of the Rules of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (“Rules”);

NOTING that the Mr. Taylor (Plaintiff) has failed to conform to the Directions issued to him on 30 June 2020;

HEREBY Requests the Registrar, pursuant to Rule 33(B) to inform this Court of the nationality or nationalities of the Plaintiff as shown within the records of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone.

Done Remotely

Direction filed in The Hague

this 26 day August 2020

Justice Teresa Doherty

