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Before: Honourable Justice Teresa Doherty,  
Designated Duty Judge

Registrar: Ms. Binta Mansaray

Dated filed: 1 September 2020

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

In the matter of

**THE APPLICATION OF CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR**

**PUBLIC**

**SUBMISSION OF THE REGISTRAR PURSUANT TO RULE 33 ARISING FROM  
DIRECTION OF THE COURT FOR THE APPLICATION OF CHARLES G.  
TAYLOR TO BE TEMPORARILY TRANSFERRED TO A SAFE THIRD  
COUNTRY TO CONTINUE HIS IMPRISONMENT DUE TO COVID-19  
OUTBREAK IN THE UK**

**Office of the Prosecutor:**  
Mr. James C. Johnson

**Counsel for Mr. Charles G. Taylor**  
Mr. Essa M. Faal

**Defence Office**  
Mr. Ibrahim Yillah

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1. On 30 June 2020, the Court issued Directions:<sup>1</sup> 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 request<sup>2</sup> 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.

2. In her Direction issued on 27 August 2020,<sup>3</sup> the Designated Duty Judge, Justice Teresa Doherty, indicated that Mr. Taylor (Plaintiff) has failed to conform to the Directions issued to him on 30 June 2020.

3. The Designated Duty Judge in her Direction requested the Registrar, pursuant to Rule 33(B) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, to inform the Court of the nationality or nationalities of the Plaintiff as shown within the records of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone.

4. In the following submission, the Registrar pursuant to Rule 33(B), addresses the Designated Duty Judge's request and informs the Court of the nationality or nationalities of the Plaintiff as shown within the records of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone.

5. Rule 33(B) provides:

The Registrar, in the execution of his or her functions, may make oral or written representations to Chambers on any issue arising in the context of a specific case which Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone affects or may affect the discharge of such functions, including that of implementing judicial decisions, with notice to the parties where necessary.

6. According to the court records, Mr. Taylor's nationality is Liberian. The Registrar has consulted with Mr. Ibrahim Yillah, Principal Defender and Mr. James Johnson, Prosecutor to confirm Mr. Taylor's nationality based on their records.

7. On 31 August 2020, the Principal Defender replied to the Registrar's inquiry that he conferred with Mr. Taylor who informed him that he has only one nationality, which is Liberian, and has no other nationality. The Principal Defender further stated that Mr. Taylor said this position has been made clear through his trial and appeal at the then Special Court for Sierra Leone.

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<sup>1</sup> RSCSL-03-01-ES 1448.

<sup>2</sup> RSCSL-03-01-ES 1447.

<sup>3</sup> RSCSL-03-01-ES 1460.

8. On 1 September 2020, the Prosecutor replied to the Registrar's inquiry that they have conducted an exhaustive search of their records for information about the nationality or nationalities held by Mr Charles Taylor. They found nothing indicating that Mr Taylor holds any other nationality than being Liberian. This position remains consistent with the Prosecution's description of Mr Taylor's nationality from the issue of their indictment against him in March 2003.

Respectfully submitted,



Binta Mansaray  
Registrar  
Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone