



Justice Shireen Avis Fisher, Pre-Hearing Judge of the Appeals Chamber of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (“Special Court”), acting in accordance with the Chamber’s “Order Designating a Pre-Hearing Judge Pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence”<sup>1</sup>, dated 21 June 2012;

**NOTING** that the Parties filed their respective Notices of Appeal on 19 July 2012;<sup>2</sup>

**RECALLING** that pursuant to Rules 109(B)(ii)(b) and 114(A) the Pre-Hearing Judge may set a date, in due course, for the substantive appeal hearing;

**RECALLING** that Rules 109(B)(ii)(b) and 114 give the Pre-Hearing Judge discretion, after the filing of the submissions pursuant to Rules 111, 112, and 113, to recommend to the Appeals Chamber to rule solely on the submissions if no oral hearing is deemed necessary;

**RECALLING** that pursuant to Rule 109(B)(i) of the Rules, the Pre-Hearing Judge shall ensure that the proceedings are not unduly delayed and shall take any measures related to procedural matters, including the issuing of decisions, orders and directions with a view to preparing the case for a fair and expeditious hearing;

**CONSIDERING** that providing notice of the dates of the appeal hearing, if any, as soon as possible will benefit the Parties by allowing them to more effectively plan and manage their work;

**HAVING CONSULTED** the Judges of the Appeals Chamber and the Registrar;

**HEREBY INFORMS** the Parties that a decision as to the need for oral arguments will be issued upon receipt of all submissions; and

**GIVES NOTICE** pursuant to Rules 54, 106(C), 109 and 114 that the appeal hearing, if any, shall be held on 6, 7 and 10 December 2012 in The Hague, The Netherlands;

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<sup>1</sup> *Prosecutor v. Taylor*, SCSL-03-01-A-1297, Order Designating a Pre-Hearing Judge Pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, 21 June 2012.

<sup>2</sup> *Prosecutor v. Taylor*, SCSL-03-01-A-1300, Prosecution’s Notice of Appeal, 19 July 2012; *Prosecutor v. Taylor*, SCSL-03-01-A-1301, Public with Confidential Annex A Notice of Appeal of Charles Ghankay Taylor, 19 July 2012.

Done in The Hague, The Netherlands, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 2012.



Hon. Justice Shireen Avis Fisher  
Pre-Hearing Judge

