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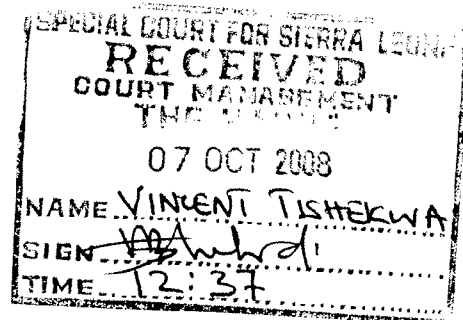
**SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE
OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR
Freetown – Sierra Leone**

APPEALS CHAMBER

Before: Justice Renate Winter, Presiding
Justice Emmanuel Ayoola
Justice Raja Fernando
Justice Jon M. Kamanda
Justice George Gelaga King

Registrar: Mr. Herman von Hebel

Date filed: 7 October 2008



THE PROSECUTOR

Against

Charles Ghankay Taylor

Case No. SCSL-03-01-T

PUBLIC

**PROSECUTION REQUEST TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF APPEAL AND SUBMISSIONS
REGARDING THE DECISION CONCERNING PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR
WITNESS TF1-215**

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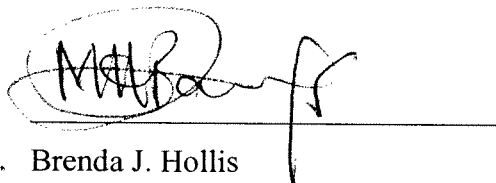
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1. On 23 September 2008, the Prosecution filed a notice of appeal and submissions¹ with the Appeals Chamber concerning Trial Chamber II's oral decision of 6 May 2008 finding that TF1-215 did not have protective measures and ordering that the witness testify in open court.²
2. On 6 October 2008, the Defence Response was filed out of time.³
3. In recent communications with TF1-215, the witness has indicated that he is now prepared to waive protective measures and to testify in open court without such measures. The witness has stated this position after full discussions with the Prosecution's Witness Management Unit. The Prosecution advises that the witness is fully aware of the effect of waiving the protective measures under which he previously testified. The Prosecution further advises that it has duly informed the Defence, the Witnesses and Victims Section and Trial Chamber II of this development.
4. In light of the witness' informed decision to testify without protective measures, the Prosecution is now able to call the witness to testify in these proceedings and, thus, suffers no prejudice as a result of the Decision on Appeal. As there is no justiciable issue before the Appeals Chamber, the Prosecution requests permission to withdraw the Appeal.

Filed in The Hague,

7 October 2008

For the Prosecution,



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¹ *Prosecutor v Taylor*, SCSL-03-01-605, "Public With Confidential Authorities Prosecution Notice of Appeal and Submissions Regarding the Decision Concerning Protective Measures for Witness TF1-215", 23 September 2008 ("Appeal").

² *Prosecutor v Taylor*, SCSL-03-01-T, Trial Transcript, 6 May 2008, page 9122, line 8 to page 9123, line 2 ("Decision on Appeal").

³ *Prosecutor v Taylor*, SCSL-03-01-617, "Public Defence Response to Prosecution Notice of Appeal and Submissions Regarding the Decision Concerning Protective Measures for Witness TF1-215", 6 October 2008.

LIST OF AUTHORITIES**SCSL*****Prosecutor v. Taylor, SCSL-03-01***

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