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Prosecution Rests in the Trial of Charles Taylor

The Prosecution concluded its case today in the trial of former Liberian President Charles Taylor. At a Status Conference in The Hague, Principal Trial Attorney Brenda Hollis told the Judges of the Special Court's Trial Chamber II that "the Prosecution has no further evidence and the Prosecution does rest its case."

The last of 91 witnesses called by the Prosecution concluded his testimony on 30 January. The Prosecution had waited to formally close its case until the Trial Chamber had taken a number of decisions on outstanding motions relating to the admissibility of certain evidence. That has now been done.

The Judges also set 6 April as the date for oral submissions by Mr. Taylor's lawyers on the Defence Motion for Judgment of Acquittal.

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