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RESIDUAL SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

Before: Justice Jon Moadeh Kamanda, President

Registrar: Ms. Binta Mansaray

Date: 04 August 2020

In the Matter of

CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

Case No. RSCSL-03-01-ES

**PUBLIC
ORDER CONVENING CHAMBER PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 13(1) OF THE
STATUTE**

Office of the Prosecutor:

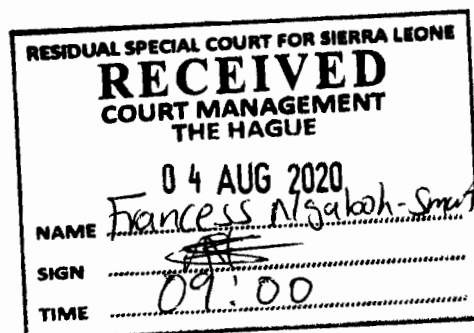
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Taylor:**

Mr. Essa M. Faal

Defence Office:

Mr. Ibrahim Yillah



THE PRESIDENT OF THE RESIDUAL SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE (“Residual Special Court”)

RECALLING The Motion “Prosecutor Against Charles Ghankay Taylor - 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” filed on 15 June 2020 (“Motion”) and the ensuing filings in the said Motion;¹

RECALLING the Public Order Designating a Duty Judge dated 29 June 2020, designating Justice Teresa Doherty as Duty Judge to hear and determine all matters arising from the Motion;²

SEIZED OF 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 Massive Outbreak of Covid-19 in the UK, dated 01 July 2020 (“Recusal Application”), and the ensuing filings in the Recusal Application including the Prosecutor’s Response and the Principal Defender’s Reply thereto;³

¹ Filed by Counsel for Charles Ghankay Taylor, *RSCSL-03-01-ES-1442*, 15 June 2020, (“Motion”); Re-Filed Prosecutor’s Response to 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, *RSCSL-03-01-ES-1450*, 1 July 2020; Re-Filed Submission of the Registrar Pursuant to Rule 33(B) In the Application of Charles Ghankay Taylor for Transfer to a Safe Third Country Due to Massive Outbreak of Covid-19 in the UK, *RSCSL-03-01-ES-1451*, 1 July 2020.

² Order Designating Duty Judge, *RSCSL-03-01-ES-1446*, 29 June 2020; Directions, *RSCSL-03-01-14-1448*, 30 June 2020.

³ *RSCSL-03-01-ES-1449*, 01 July 2020; Prosecutor’s Motion for Leave to Respond to Principal Defender’s Request for the Withdrawal and/or Recusal of Hon. Justice Teresa Doherty of the United Kingdom (UK) as Designated Duty Judge, *RSCSL-03-01-ES-1453*, 08 July 2020; Decision - Prosecutor’s Motion for Leave to Respond to Principal Defender’s Request for the Withdrawal and/or Recusal of Hon. Justice Teresa Doherty of the United Kingdom (UK) as Designated Duty Judge, *RSCSL-03-01-ES-1454*, 08 July 2020; Prosecutor’s Response to 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 Massive Outbreak of Covid-19 in the UK, *RSCSL-03-01-ES-1455*, 08 July 2020; Principal Defender’s Reply to the Prosecution’s Response to “The Principal Defender’s Request for the Withdrawal and/or Recusal of Hon. Justice Teresa Doherty of the United Kingdom (UK) as Duty Judge on the Application of Charles G. Taylor to be Temporarily Transferred To a Safe Third Country to Continue His Imprisonment Due to Massive Outbreak of Covid-19 in the UK”, *RSCSL-03-01-ES-1456*, 14 July 2020.

HAVING RECEIVED Statement and Decision on Principal Defender's Request for Recusal of Justice T. Doherty (Comments of Hon. Justice Doherty), filed on 24 July 2020;⁴

CONSIDERING Article 13(1) of the Statute of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone ("Statute") which authorizes the President to convene a Trial Chamber consisting of two judges appointed by the Secretary-General and one judge appointed by the Government of Sierra Leone in the event that the need arises, and Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone ("Rules");

COGNISANT of the need to ensure expeditious proceedings before the Residual Special Court;

HEREBY convenes a Chamber composed of

Justice Renate Winter

Justice Isaac Lenaola

Justice Miatta Samba

One of whom shall be elected Presiding Judge by the Chamber, to hear and determine the Recusal Application and all matters attendant thereto.

ORDERS that the Chamber shall exercise its functions remotely unless the President decides otherwise for good reason.

Done at Freetown

This 4th day of August 2020



Justice Jon Moadeh Kamanda,
President

[Seal of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone]



⁴ RSCSL-03-01-ES-1457, 24 July 2020.
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