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SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

Case No. SCSL-2004-16-T

Before:

Justice Richard Lussick, Presiding

Justice Teresa Doherty Justice Julia Sebutinde

Registrar:

Lovemore G. Munlo, SC

Date filed:

21 August 2006

THE PROSECUTOR

against

ALEX TAMBA BRIMA

BRIMA BAZZY KAMARA

and

SANTIGIE BORBOR KANU

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JOINT DEFENCE APPLICATION FOR PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR DEFENCE WITNESSES
APPEARING FROM 4 SEPTEMBER 2006 ONWARDS

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I Introduction

1. On 9 May 2006, the Trial Chamber issued its "Decision on Joint Defence Application for Protective Measures for Defence Witnesses" ("**Decision**"). ¹

II ARGUMENT

- 2. In its Decision, the Trial Chamber applied protective measures to all witnesses the Defence had indicated in Annex A of the Defence "Public Annexes to Motion Entitled 'Joint Defence Application for Protective Measures for Defence Witnesses'."²
- 3. The Defence hereby respectfully requests the honorable Trial Chamber to apply the protective measures as enlisted in (a) (i) of the Decision, *mutatis mutandis* to the witnesses enlisted in the Witness Lists filed today, with the exception of the expert witnesses.
- 4. On page 2 of the Decision, the Trial Chamber held "that there is a reasonable apprehension of risk or danger to witnesses expressed in the supporting material submitted by the Defence and considering the entire security situation in Sierra Leone and that protective measures can be ordered on the basis of a current security situation even where the existence of threats or fears as regards specific witnesses has not been demonstrated." Furthermore it is said that "the Trial Chamber is concerned for the safety, protection and welfare of witnesses and victims in these proceedings and is obligated under Articles 16(4) and 17(2) of the Statute and Rule 75(A) of the Rules, to take all appropriate protective measures to safeguard their privacy and protection."

³ Decision, p. 2.

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¹ Prosecutor v. Brima, Kamara and Kanu, Decision on Joint Defence Application for Protective Measures for Defence Witnesses, 9 May 2006, Case No. SCSL-2004-16-T-488.

² Prosecutor v. Brima, Kamara and Kanu, Public Annexes to Motion Entitled 'Joint Defence Application for Protective Measures for Defence Witnesses', 28 April 2006, Case No. SCSL-2004-16-T-479.

5. The Defence respectfully submits that these circumstances have not changed in the mean time.

III PRAYER

6. The Defence respectfully prays the honorable Trial Chamber that the protective measures granted by the Decision be applied and implemented *mutatis mutandis* to the witnesses enlisted in the Witness Lists filed today, with the exception of the expert witnesses.

Respectfully submitted, On 21 August 2006

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