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**SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE**

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**THE TRIAL CHAMBER**

**Before:** Judge Bankole Thompson, Presiding Judge  
Judge Benjamin Mutanga Itoe  
Judge Pierre Boutet

**Registrar:** Robin Vincent

**Date:** 13 February 2004

**PROSECUTOR**                      **Against**                      Issa Hassan Sesay  
Morris Kallon  
Augustine Gbao  
(Case No.SCSL-04-15-PT)

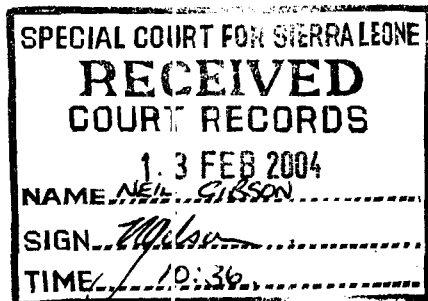
**ORDER FOR FILING PRE-TRIAL BRIEFS  
(UNDER RULES 54 and 73 bis)**

Office of the Prosecutor:  
Luc Côté

Defence Counsel for Issa Hassan Sesay:  
Timothy Clayson

Defence Counsel for Morris Kallon:  
James Oury

Defence Counsel for Augustine Gbao:  
Andreas O'Shea



**THE TRIAL CHAMBER** ("Trial Chamber") of the Special Court for Sierra Leone ("Special Court") composed of Judge Bankole Thompson, Presiding Judge, Judge Benjamin Mutanga Itoe and Judge Pierre Boutet;

**RECALLING** the Trial Chamber's decision of 27 January 2004, in which it ordered that the accused Issa Sesay, Morris Kallon and Augustine Gbao (singularly or collectively, "Accused") be tried jointly;

**NOTING** Rule 73 *bis* of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Special Court ("Rules"), which provides for the filing of a pre-trial brief by the Office of the Prosecutor ("Prosecution") addressing the factual and legal issues in the case at a time after the Pre-Trial Conference has been held, and further provides for the filing of a pre-trial brief by the Defence addressing the factual and legal issues not later than seven days prior to the date set for trial;

**NOTING** the "Practice Direction on Filing Documents before the Special Court for Sierra Leone," issued by the Registrar on 27 February 2003, and specifically Article 9 thereof,

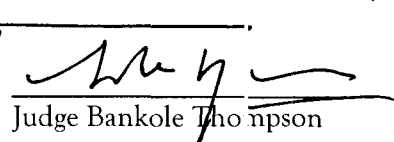
**CONSIDERING THAT** the right of the Accused to a fair and expeditious trial will be advanced by the filing of the pre-trial briefs at an earlier stage in the pre-trial process than after the Pre-Trial Conference;

**MINDFUL OF** the need to comply with Rule 54 and Rule 73 *bis* of the Rules;

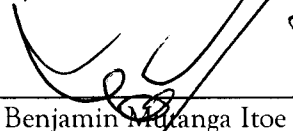
**HEREBY ORDERS** that the Prosecution pre-trial brief in this case shall be filed on or before 27 February 2004;

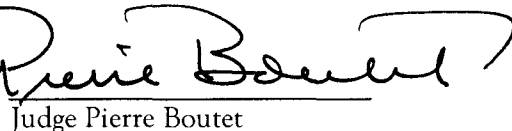
And **FURTHER ORDERS** that the each Defence team shall file its pre-trial brief by 19 March 2004.

Done at Freetown this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2004

  
Judge Bankole Thompson

Presiding Judge,  
Trial Chamber

  
Judge Benjamin Mutanga Itoe

  
Judge Pierre Boutet

