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SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before:

Justice Teresa Doherty, Presiding Judge

Justice Richard Lussick Justice Julia Sebutinde

Justice El Hadji Malick Sow, Alternate Judge

Registrar:

Herman von Hebel

Case No.:

SCSL-03-1-T

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 $\mathbf{v}_{\boldsymbol{\cdot}}$

Charles Ghankay TAYLOR

DECISION ON CONFIDENTIAL URGENT PROSECUTION APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL ORDER OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS SCSL-03-01-T-451, SCSL-03-01-T-452, SCSL-03-01-T-457

Office of the Prosecutor:

Brenda J. Hollis Kirsten Keith Defence Counsel for Charles G. Taylor:

Courtenay Griffiths, Q.C.

Terry Munyard Andrew Cayley Morris Anyah TRIAL CHAMBER II ("Trial Chamber") of the Special Court for Sierra Leone ("Special Court");

SEISED of the "Confidential Urgent Prosecution Application for Leave to Appeal Order for Service of Documents SCSL-03-01-T-451, SCSL-03-01-T-452, SCSL-03-01-T-457", filed 14 April 2008 ("Application"), wherein the Prosecution seeks leave to appeal the "Confidential Order for Service of Documents SCSL-03-01-T-451, SCSL-03-01-T-452, SCSL-03-01-T-457" of 11 April 2008² ("Order for Service") on the grounds that:

- (i) the Trial Chamber erred when it ordered that the *ex parte* Requests for Investigation ("Requests")³ be served on the Defence, and;
- (ii) the Trial Chamber erred in holding that the Defence are entitled to present arguments that the material provided by the Prosecution does not give any cause for reasonable belief that contempt might have been committed and to make other relevant submissions should it choose to do so;⁴

RECALLING that the *ex parte* Requests were subsequently served in accordance with the Order for Service and that the Trial Chamber has since dismissed all such Requests as being unsubstantiated;⁵

FINDING therefore that the issue is now moot;

DISMISSES the Application.

Done at The Hague, The Netherlands, this 7th day of October 2008.

Justice Richard Lussick

Presiding Julie

Justice Julia Sebutinde

¹ SCSL03-01-T-471.

² SCSL03-01-T-457.

³ Prosecutor v. Taylor, SCSL03-01-T-451, Confidential and Ex Parte Lygan. Prosecution Motion for an Investigation into Contempt of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, filed on 1 April 2008; SCSL03-01-T-452, Confidential and Ex Parte Urgent Prosecution Motion for an Investigation into Contempt of the Special Court for Sierra Leone and for Urgent Interim Measures, filed on 1 April 2008; and SCSL03-01-T-457, Confidential and Ex Parte Urgent Prosecution Motion for an Investigation into Contempt of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, filed on 7 April 2008 ("Requests").

⁴ Application, para, 2.

⁵ See Prosecutor v. Taylor, SCSL03-01-T-600, Decision on Prosecution Motions for Investigations into Contempt of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (SCSL03-01-451; SCSL03-01-452; SCSL03-01-457; SCSL03-01-513), 19 September 2008 (Confidential).