SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE THE HAGUE SUB-OFFICE

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

Before:

Hon. Justice George Gelaga King, President

Registrar:

Ms. Binta Mansaray, Registrar

Date:

4 October 2013

PROSECUTOR

Against

CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

(Case No. SCSL-03-01-ES)

CONFIDENTIAL

ORDER DESIGNATING STATE IN WHICH CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR IS TO SERVE HIS SENTENCE

Office of the Prosecutor:

Principal Defender:

Ms. Brenda J. Hollis

Ms. Claire Carlton-Hanciles

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Case No. SCSL-03-01-ES

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I, GEORGE GELAGA KING, President of the Special Court for Sierra Leone ("Special Court");

NOTING the Judgment rendered by the Appeals Chamber on 26 September 2013 in the case of *Prosecutor v. Charles Ghankay Taylor*, Case No. SCSL-03-01-A, in which Charles Ghankay Taylor was sentenced to 50 years of imprisonment, subject to credit being given for the period already spent in detention;

PURSUANT to Article 22 of the Statute of the Special Court ("Statute"), Rule 103(B) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Special Court ("Rules") and paragraphs five and six of the Practice Direction for Designation of State of Enforcement of Sentence, issued 10 July 2009 ("Practice Direction");

CONSIDERING that pursuant to Article 22 of the Statute and Rule 103(A) of the Rules, imprisonment shall be served in Sierra Leone unless circumstances require that imprisonment be served in any of the States which have concluded with the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda or the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia an agreement for the enforcement of sentences, and which have indicated to the Registrar of the Special Court their willingness to accept convicted persons, or any other States with which the Special Court may concluded similar agreements;

CONSIDERING that, on 2 October 2013, the Attorney-General of the Republic of Sierra Leone communicated to the Registrar that the Government of Sierra Leone is not in a position to enforce the sentence of Charles Ghankay Taylor;

CONSIDERING the "Agreement between the Special Court and the Government of the United Kingdom on the Enforcement of Sentences," that was signed on 10 July 2007, concerning the enforcement of sentences passed by the Special Court ("Agreement");

CONSIDERING the confidential internal memorandum of 3 October 2013, submitted to me by the Registrar within the terms of paragraph four of the Practice Direction and listing the States in which Charles Ghankay Taylor may serve his sentence, and the Annexes A to M thereto, including the letter of 26 September 2013 from Mr. Morris Anyah, Lead Appeals Counsel for Charles Ghankay Taylor, and information provided by the relevant authorities of the United Kingdom;

CONSIDERING that the Government of the United Kingdom has indicated to the Registry its willingness and readiness to enforce Charles Ghankay Taylor's sentence;

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HAVING CONSIDERED all of the factors enumerated in the Statute, Rules and Practice Direction, including the family situation of Mr. Taylor; and the conditions of imprisonment in the States concerned, including measures to ensure Mr. Taylor's physical safety, the availability of vocational and educational programs, the availability of religious accommodations and the availability of medical services;

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS

DECIDES that Charles Ghankay Taylor shall serve his sentence in the United Kingdom;

INVITES the Registrar to officially request the authorities of the United Kingdom to enforce the sentence of Charles Ghankay Taylor and, should the Government of the United Kingdom accede to this request, so inform and take all necessary measures to facilitate the transfer of Charles Ghankay Taylor to the appropriate authorities of the United Kingdom;

ORDERS that Charles Ghankay Taylor remains in the custody of the Special Court, pending his transfer to the appropriate authorities of the United Kingdom; and

INSTRUCTS the Registry to lift the confidential status of the present Order once the transfer of Charles Ghankay Taylor to the appropriate authorities of the United Kingdom has been completed and **ORDERS** that this Order shall thereupon and henceforth be considered a public filing.

Done in The Hague, The Netherlands, this 4th day of October 2013.



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