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**THE SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE**

**In Trial Chamber II**

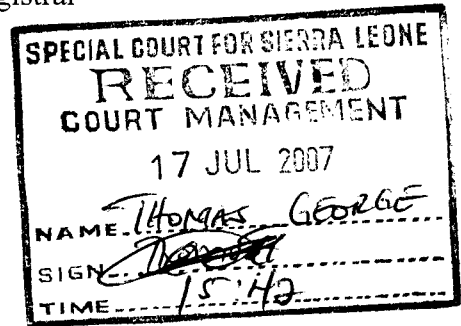
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**Before:** Justice Julia Sebutinde, Presiding  
Justice Richard Lussick  
Justice Teresa Doherty  
Justice El Hadji Malick Sow, Alternate

**Registrar:** Mr. Herman von Hebel, Registrar

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> July 2007

**Case No.:** SCSL-2003-01-T



**THE PROSECUTOR**

-v-

**CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR**

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**PRINCIPAL DEFENDER'S DECISION ASSIGNING NEW COUNSEL  
TO CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR**

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**THE PRINCIPAL DEFENDER**

**CONSIDERING** the Statute of the Special Court for Sierra Leone and in particular Article 17 thereof;

**CONSIDERING** the Rules of Procedure and Evidence as adopted by the plenary meeting of the Special Court for Sierra Leone on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2003, and modified on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2007 and in particular Rule 45 thereof;

**CONSIDERING** the Directive on the Assignment of Counsel as adopted by the Registrar of the Special Court for Sierra Leone on 1 October 2003, and in particular Article 10 thereof;

**CONSIDERING** that the Principal Defender, in the interests of justice, provisionally assigned Mr. Karim A.A. Khan, on the 5 April 2006 to represent the Accused, Mr. Charles Ghankay Taylor, for a period of ninety days pursuant to Article 9(B) of the Directive on the Assignment of Counsel;

**CONSIDERING** that on the 13 July 2006 the Principal Defender, extended the provisional assignment of Mr. Karim A.A. Khan to represent the Accused for another ninety days;

**CONSIDERING** that Mr. Karim A.A. Khan's entered into a Legal Services Contract as assigned Counsel with the Principal Defender on 21 September 2006 to provide legal defence services for Mr. Taylor;

**CONSIDERING** that on the 4 June 2007, the Accused notified The Honourable Justice Julia Sebutinde, Presiding Judge of Trial Chamber II of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, in writing of the termination of Mr. Khan as his Counsel and also wrote to Mr. Herman von Hebel, then Acting Registrar, indicating that he intended to represent himself consistent with his right under Article 17 of the Statute of the Special Court for Sierra Leone;

**CONSIDERING** that on the 14 June 2007 the Principal Defender accepted Mr. Karim A.A. Khan's request to withdraw as Assigned Counsel for Mr. Taylor;



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**CONSIDERING** that following consultations between the Principal Defender and Mr. Taylor between the 15 and 20 June 2007, it was agreed that in the interest of a fair trial, it would not be in the best interest of Mr. Taylor to represent himself;

**CONSIDERING** that Mr. Taylor is now willing to be represented by Counsel and to be assigned new Counsel;

**CONSIDERING** that the Principal Defender after the withdrawal of counsel shall assign new counsel to the Accused pursuant to Article 24(D) of the Directive on the Assignment of Counsel;

**CONSIDERING** that the Trial Chamber's Oral Decision of the 25 June 2007, inter alia, directed Mr. Charles Jalloh, Legal Officer/Duty Counsel in the Defence Office, to step in as Duty Counsel to assist Mr. Taylor until the appointment of a new defence team;

**CONSIDERING** that the Trial Chamber's Oral Decision of the 25 June 2007 ordered the Principal Defender to assemble, by 31 July 2007, a new legal defence team for Mr. Taylor consisting of one Lead Counsel and two Co-Counsel meeting the requirements of Rule 45(C) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Special Court for Sierra Leone;

**CONSIDERING** that the Mr. Taylor has requested the Principal Defender to assign Mr. Courtenay Griffiths, QC of the Bar of England and Wales as Lead Counsel to represent him to the finality of the case following consultations between Mr. Taylor; the Defence Office and Mr. Griffiths;

**CONSIDERING** that Mr. Courtenay Griffiths, QC has agreed to represent the Accused under the general terms of a Legal Services Contract to be concluded with the Defence Office of the Special Court for Sierra Leone for the provision of legal services to the Accused;

**CONSIDERING** that Mr. Courtenay Griffiths, QC meets and exceeds the requirements for the assignment of counsel to represent indigent or partially indigent persons under Rule 45 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, and has indicated his availability to represent the Accused to finality of the case at trial;

**CONSIDERING** that the Accused has also requested that the Principal Defender assign Mr. Andrew Cayley to serve as Co-Counsel in his legal defence team;

**CONSIDERING** that the Accused has further requested that the Principal Defender assign Mr. Terry Munyard to serve as Co-Counsel 2 in his legal defence team;



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**HEREBY ASSIGNS** Mr. Courtenay Griffiths, QC as Assigned and Lead Counsel to Mr. Taylor, Mr. Andrew Cayley as Co-Counsel and Mr. Terry Munyard as Co-Counsel effective the 17 July 2007, under the terms of a Legal Service Contract to be concluded with the Defence Office of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, for the provision of legal services to Mr. Taylor, for the duration of the trial.

**Done in Freetown this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 2007.**

VINCENT O. NMEIELLE  
PRINCIPAL DEFENDER