

**SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE****JOMO KENYATTA ROAD • FREETOWN • SIERRA LEONE****PHONE: +1 212 963 9915 Extension: 178 7000 or +39 0831 257000 or +232 22 295995****FAX: Extension: 178 7001 or +39 0831 257001 Extension: 174 6996 or +232 22 295996**

Before: Judge Bankole Thompson

Registry: Mr. Robin Vincent

Decision of: 07 March 2003

THE PROSECUTOR**Against**

**CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR also known as
CHARLES GHANKAY MACARTHUR DAPKPANA TAYLOR**

CASE NO. SCSL - 2003 - 01 - I

DECISION APPROVING THE INDICTMENT**and****ORDER FOR NON-DISCLOSURE**

The Office of the Prosecutor:

David Crane
Brenda Hollis

THE SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE (the Special Court),

SITTING AS Judge Thompson, designated by the President of the Special Court according to Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence ("the Rules");

HAVING RECEIVED on 07 March 2003 from the Prosecutor the enclosed Indictment and accompanying material, pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules against CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR also known as CHARLES GHANKAY MACARTHUR DAKPANA TAYLOR a citizen of Liberia, born 28 January 1948 at Arthington in the Republic of Liberia, who is accused of Crimes against Humanity, violations of Article 3 common to the Geneva Conventions and of Additional Protocol II, and other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law;

BEING SATISFIED from the material tendered by the Prosecutor that there is sufficient evidence to provide reasonable grounds for believing that the suspect has committed crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court and that the allegations would, if proven, amount to the crimes specified and particularised in the said Indictment;

HEREBY APPROVES

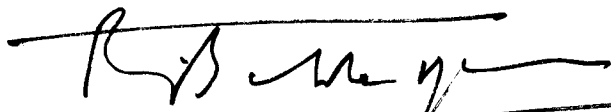
the Indictment submitted by the Prosecutor against CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR in respect to each and every count.

TAKES NOTE of the Prosecutor's request that a Warrant of Arrest and Order for Transfer and Detention be issued against CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR.

ORDERS, pursuant to Rule 53 and after consultation with the Prosecutor, that there be no public disclosure of the Indictment or any part thereof or information pertaining to the Indictment, the Warrant of Arrest, the transfer and detention until further order by the Special Court.

DIRECTS the Registrar, in accordance with Rule 56 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, to address this Decision and the Warrant of Arrest of the accused to the national authorities of such States, or to the relevant international body, including the International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL), as may be indicated by the Prosecutor.

Done in London, this 7th day of March 2003.



Signed, Judge Bankole Thompson

