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RESIDUAL SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Before:

Justice Philip N. Waki, President

Registrar:

Ms. Binta Mansaray

Date:

29 January 2015

Case No:

SCSL-04-15-ES

PUBLIC ORDER TO AMEND INDEX SYSTEM OF FILINGS SUBMITTED BEFORE THE RESIDUAL SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE RESIDUAL SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE ("Residual Special Court")

RECALLING that on 31 December 2013, the Special Court for Sierra Leone ("Special Court") completed its judicial activities and transitioned to its successor the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone, which commenced operations on 1 January 2014;

NOTING information that all filings at the Residual Special Court since its inception have been done under the index filing system for the Special Court "SCSL";²

CONSIDERING that even though the Residual Special Court is the successor to the Special Court, it is a new entity by itself and the latter no longer exists;

CONSIDERING that it is imperative to align the index filing system to reflect the Residual Special Court as the existing institution, such that the index for all filings before the Residual Special Court shall be "RSCSL";

NOTING therefore the need to amend the index for all filings already submitted before the Residual Special Court from "SCSL" to "RSCSL";

NOTING further that the Practice Direction on Filing Documents before the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone does not address this situation, and that pursuant to Rule 81(B) any amendments to the record of proceedings shall be by Order of the President, Designated Judge or Chamber on its own motion or on the application of a party;

COGNISANT of the provisions of Rule 19 inter alia that the President shall liaise with the Registrar in order to ensure the proper operations of the activities of the Residual Special Court,

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¹ See, Agreement between the United Nations and the Government of Sierra Leone on the Establishment of a Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone, signed on 11 August 2010.

² See, Interoffice Memorandum from Registrar on Re-Index of Judicial Filings, 23 January 2015.

and of Rule 54(B) that the President may issue such orders, summonses, subpoenas, warrants and transfer orders as may be necessary for the purpose of fulfilling his or her functions;

CONSIDERING that an Order authorizing the Registry to align the index filing system to reflect the Residual Special Court as the existing institution is necessary in the circumstances;

ACTING suo motu pursuant to Rule 81(B), and pursuant to Rules 19 and 54(B);

AUTHORISES the Registrar to amend the index system for all filings submitted before the Residual Special Court since its inception from the "SCSL" to the "RSCSL" index;

ORDERS, that all Parties be informed of the said changes.

Done at The Hague, The Netherlands

This 29th day of January 2015

Justice Philip N. Waki,

President

[Seal of the Assidual Special Court or Sierra Leone]