

## COURT OF MAGISTRATES (MALTA) AS A COURT OF CRIMINAL INQUIRY

[In the Acts of the Extradition called as the Court of Committal]

Magistrate Dr. Leonard Caruana LL.D., M.A. (Fin. Serv)

## The Police (Insp. Roderick Spiteri)

Vs

## **Olabisi Festus OLORUNDARE**

Today, the 10th May 2024

The Court,

Having seen that Oblasi Festus OLORUNDARE, of 44 years, born in Nigeria on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1980, holder of Maltese Passport Number MT152971 and Maltese Friving Licence number C0110171 and Maltese Identity Card Number 33817L was brought under arrest as he is wanted for prosecution by the competent authorities of the Belgian authorities, a scheduled country in terms of Article 5 of Subsidiary Legislation 276.05;

Having seen the European Arrest Warrant issued on the 04 April 2024, issued by the Court of First Instance West-Flanders, Division Furnes;

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Having seen the Certificate dated the 22nd April 2024 issued by the Attorney General in accordance with Regulation 7 of the Extradition (Designated Foreign Countries) Order, 2004 (S.L. 276.05), hereinafter referred to as the "Order";

Having seen that during the sitting of the 4th May 2024 the Court declared that the person arraigned is the same person in regard of whom the European Arrest Warrant was issued;

Having heard the requested person giving his voluntary consent for his extradition to the Belgian Authorities;

Having seen all the documentation submitted by the prosecution;

## Considers:

That in accordance with Regulation 43 of the Order a person arrested under a Part II warrant may consent to his return to the scheduled country in which the warrant was issued.

In this present case, the requested person has in front of the Court irrevocably consented to his surrender to the requesting country and therefore, on the basis of this consent, the Court explained the provisions of Articles 43 and 44 of the Order to the requested person.

Moreover, the Court is satisfied that the Requesting Country is a Schedule II country and that the offences which will form the basis of the prosecution in the requesting country, as listed in the European Arrest Warrant, are extraditable offences. Futhermore, from the documents and information presented to the Court, there are no bars to extradition in terms of Regulation 13 of the Order.

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Decide:

Therefore, on the basis of the above, the Court hereby orders the committal to custody and the return of the requested person, Olabisi Festus OLORUNDARE to the Court of First Instance West-Flanders, Division Furnes on the basis of the present European Arrest Warrant and, in terms of Regulation 45(2)(3)(a) of the Order, orders that the requested person's return is to take place within 10 days of this decision

Ft.Dr. Leonard Caruana Magistrate

Sharonne Borg Deputy Registrar