

A decision was rendered today by the Honourable Simon Noël of the Federal Court in file DES-3-03:

IN THE MATTER OF ADIL CHARKAOUI

Summary: Quite recently, Mr. Adil Charkaoui has submitted a motion seeking a temporary amendment to one of his preventive conditions of release in order to attend a session of the youth congress of Amnesty International to be held in a high school in Lévis, outside the prescribed territorial limit. The Ministers objected to the motion on the grounds that Mr. Charkaoui had not demonstrated that the importance for him of attending this event was such that it warranted a temporary variance of the imposed condition or that other alternatives had been envisaged (such as the use of videoconference, teleconference or a change of venue-possibly to Amnesty International's office in Montreal).

The motion for temporary variance of one of the conditions of release, as formulated, did not allow for a fulsome assessment of the situation keeping in mind the goal of neutralizing the danger to national security and to other persons on one hand and the day-to-day needs and obligations of Mr. Charkaoui on the other.

A copy of the decision can be obtained via the Web site of the Federal Court.