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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 172**

**The Standing Civilian Courts Order 1997**

**PART IV**

**PROCEDURE AT THE HEARING**

**Conclusion of trial in interests of justice**

**53.**—(1) Where, after the opening of proceedings, in the opinion of the court it is necessary in the interests of justice that that court should not continue with the trial, the court shall, subject to paragraph (3) below, conclude the trial and direct that the accused shall be tried afresh before a differently constituted court.

(2) Any direction made under paragraph (1) above shall be reported to the court administration officer with the charge sheet and the note of proceedings.

(3) Where under any provision of this Order the court has postponed deliberation on sentence after recording a finding of guilty in respect of an offence it may, before concluding the trial in accordance with this article, proceed to sentence in respect of that offence if it considers that it can properly do so.