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Statement of KAING Guek Eav, alias DUCH

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Your honours,

I was frozen with great terror when I stepped into those premises where a dreadful and terrible calamity had occurred to my country, my people and me.

For one thing, I have flashbacks of unfortunate victims and their families, who had been subjected to hardship, torture, disgrace, and countless inhumane acts before they were put to death. I am filled with indescribable remorse; therefore I agree to submit to trial in the framework of S-21. And I have made a strong commitment that I will do whatever I can in order for my country, people, victims, and their families to obtain justice.

Similarly, I feel great pity for the personnel of S-21, who were forced to perform their tasks together with me against their parents' and their own wills. Among those personnel, some had been forced to be in danger there.

This catastrophe awakens my memories, and I am very sympathetic towards myself, that I had been trapped by their ideology and had accepted all the assigned tasks, which were criminal in nature. My acts formed part of a mechanism which resulted in a chronic disaster for my country, my people, and me. Whenever I recall those incidents, I hold a grudge against the leading apparatus, which found every means to navigate this movement towards a great tragedy. And I also get mad at myself, who submitted to their ideology by adhering to their criminal regulations without clear consideration. My acts, therefore, have shown that as the president of S-21, I have undeniably participated in committing crimes against humanity on the whole S-21.

Your honours,

I would like to express my sincere thanks that I have been taken there. Allow me, your honours, to:

-offer my apology to all victims, who were subjected to very severe hardship at that place until the time when they were put to death or until 7 January 1979.

-offer my apology to victims' families, who were heartbroken because they have been living for 33 years without their beloved family members, and have yet obtained justice.

I admit that my suffering adds but a small amount of water to the great sea of suffering of the victims and their families. Allow me, your honours, who are seeking justice for the aforementioned individuals, to express my apology to all of them. I would like your honours to have this opportunity open to me at all times.

Now, I have made a commitment to inform your honours of what I have experienced in this Security Office from my recollections, and to explain to your honours the historical truth rather than what has been shown in the museum.

Having seen on 27 February 2008

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27 February 2008

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Kaing Guek Eav

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Francois Roux