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Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia Chambres Extraordinaires au sein des Tribunaux Cambodgiens

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Supreme Court Chamber Chambre de la Cour suprême

### សំណុំរឿងលេខ: ០០២/១៩-កញ្ញា-២០០៧-អ.វ.ត.ក/អ.ជ.ត.ក

Case File/Dossier Nº. 002/19-09-2007-ECCC/SC

Before:	Judge KONG Srim, President Judge Chandra Nihal JAYASINGHE Judge SOM Sereyvuth Judge Agnieszka KLONOWIECKA-MILART Judge MONG Monichariya Judge Florence Ndepele MWACHANDE-MUMBA
	Judge YA Narin
Date:	15 June 2015
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### **DECISION REQUESTING SUBMISSIONS ON THE ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION**

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Kingdom of Cambodia

Nation Religion King

Royaume du Cambodge Nation Religion Roi

ORIGINAL/ORIGINAL ថ្ងៃ ខែ ឆ្នាំ (Date): <u>15-Jun-2015, 15:39</u> CMS/CFO: <u>Sann Rada</u> **THE SUPREME COURT CHAMBER** of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia for the Prosecution of Crimes Committed during the Period of Democratic Kampuchea between 17 April 1975 and 6 January 1979 ("Supreme Court Chamber" and "ECCC", respectively);

**RECALLING** the Appointment Decision, in which the Supreme Court Chamber decided to initiate an additional investigation pursuant to Internal Rule 93 ("Additional Investigation"),<sup>1</sup> appointing Judge MONG Monichariya and Judge Chandra Nihal JAYASINGHE as Delegate Judges;<sup>2</sup>

**RECALLING** that the main purpose of the investigation was to establish direct contact with Robert Thomas Fitzgibbon LEMKIN ("Witness") and THET Sambath in order to assess whether the footage allegedly in their possession may be obtained within a reasonable period of time and ascertain what specific information could be derived from it;<sup>3</sup>

**RECALLING** that the Witness was interviewed by the Delegate Judges on 11 May 2015;<sup>4</sup>

**RECALLING** that the Witness declared *inter alia* that: (i) his previous statement, contained in an e-mail sent to NUON Chea's counsel, Victor Koppe,<sup>5</sup> that he has gathered "a wealth of evidence about [RUOS] Nhim's agenda", is primarily based on information obtained from a series of interviews with four individuals;<sup>6</sup> (ii) he would be willing to disclose their identities and hand over to the Court the footage relating to those four individuals, provided that co-director THET Sambath consents;<sup>7</sup> and, (iii) he is prepared to provide the Court with his unpublished notes summarising the content of the interviews with the four individuals ("Notes");<sup>8</sup>

**RECALLING** that THET Sambath did not consent to the release of the aforementioned footage, on grounds that the individuals recently requested him not to release any footage or

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> ECCC Internal Rules (Rev. 9), 16 January 2015 ("Internal Rules").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Interim Decision on Part of NUON Chea's First Request to Obtain and Consider Additional Evidence in Appeal Proceedings of Case 002/01, 1 April 2015, F2/4/3 ("Appointment Decision"), paras 25-26.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Appointment Decision, paras 21-26.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Written Record of Witness Interview – Robert T.F. Lemkin, 18 May 2015, F2/4/3/1, ("Lemkin WRI").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Request to Admit New Evidence, Summons Rob Lemkin and Initiate an Investigation, 11 July 2013, E294, para. 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Lemkin WRI, para. A34.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Lemkin WRI, para. A36.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Lemkin WRI, paras A6, A36, A38.

transcript to any other party, and that such release would place his and other people's safety at risk;<sup>9</sup>

**NOTING** that on 3 June 2015 the Greffiers of the Supreme Court Chamber received from the Witness and Expert Support Unit ("WESU") the Notes<sup>10</sup> sent by the Witness;<sup>11</sup>

**NOTING** that the Witness agreed to provide the Notes to the ECCC on the condition that the Notes be classified as confidential, and that in spite of assurances that the names of the four individuals referred to therein would be classified as strictly confidential, the Witness refused to disclose these names because this would run counter to THET Sambath's directives;<sup>12</sup>

**CONSIDERING** that, before making its final determination on how to proceed further with the Additional Investigation, the Supreme Court Chamber deems it appropriate to afford the parties an opportunity to make representations thereupon;

#### **HEREBY:**

**REQUESTS** NUON Chea to make written submissions, no later than Monday, 13 July 2015, addressing the following questions: (i) whether the Notes should be admitted into evidence; (ii) whether any further action should be taken by the Delegate Judges or the Chamber in relation to the information emerged from the Additional Investigation;

**REQUESTS** the other parties to file their responses to NUON Chea's submissions no later than Thursday, 23 July 2015.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Witness and Expert Support Unit's Memorandum entitled "Report in response to Supreme [Court] Chamber Decision F2/4/3", 25 May 2015, F2/4/3/2 (confidential).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Annex - Robert Lemkin's Notes on Ruos Nhim's Political Agenda, 15 June 2015, F2/4/3/3.1 (confidential).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Electronic mail sent from WESU to Greffiers of the Supreme Court Chamber, entitled "Fw: confidential - unpublished notes", on 3 June 2015 at 09:10AM, on file with the Supreme Court Chamber.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Electronic mail sent from the Witness to WESU, entitled "confidential - unpublished notes", on 29 May 2015 at 08:20PM, on file with the Supreme Court Chamber.