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## TRIAL CHAMBER

TO:

All Parties, Case 002

NIL Nonn, President of the Trial Chamber

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FROM:

All Trial Chamber Judges; Trial Chamber Senior Legal Office

SUBJECT: Defence Conduct during Key Document Presentation Hearings

- On 26 August 2015, the Trial Chamber began key document presentation hearings on the second trial topic concerning worksites. As scheduled, these hearings began with presentations from the Co-Prosecutors. During the Co-Prosecutors' presentation, Cambodian and international lawyers for the Accused NUON Chea and KHIEU Samphan left the courtroom after the Chamber decided that the Co-Prosecutors could present documents already admitted, in this instance, written records of interview. The Defence provided no reason for this action. The Chamber was forced to adjourn since the Accused were no longer represented by counsel at the hearing.
- The Trial Chamber fails to understand the reasons for the Defence's withdrawal from the proceedings. Before the Chamber takes further action, it wishes to give counsel for each Accused the opportunity to explain the rationale and legal basis for their actions. To this end it will resume hearings at 9:00 a.m. on 27 August 2015 at which time it will hear the parties' submissions on this subject.