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Pre-Trial Chamber
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Criminal Case File N° 002/19-09-2007-ECCC/OCIJ (PTC19, 20, 21 and 22)

Before: Judge PRAK Kimsan, President
Judge Rowan DOWNING
Judge NEY Thol
Judge Katinka LAHUIS
Judge HUOT Vuthy

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1. **THE PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER** of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (“ECCC”) has received a letter dated 27 July 2009 (attached) from Elizabeth Nielsen, a 2009 Legal Associate at the Documentation Center of Cambodia, requesting leave to file an *amicus curiae* brief regarding the “fair trial implications of corruption allegations at the ECCC”.
2. Rule 33(1) of the Internal Rules provides:

“At any stage of the proceedings, the Co-Investigating Judges or the Chambers may, if they consider it desirable for the proper adjudication of the case, invite or grant leave to an organization or person to submit a written *amicus curiae* brief concerning any issue. The Co-Investigating Judges and the Chambers concerned shall determine what time limits, if any, shall apply to the filing of such briefs.”

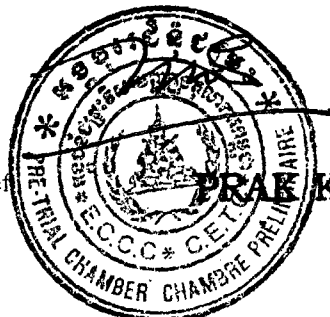
3. The Pre-Trial Chamber finds that through the submissions of the Parties to the Appeal, the Chamber is sufficiently informed in order to decide on the Appeal. The Pre-Trial Chamber further finds that it would be undesirable to risk delaying the proceedings by receiving an *amicus curiae* brief and responses thereto by the Parties.
4. The Pre-Trial Chamber appreciates the interest shown by Elizabeth Nielsen in the current proceedings, but does not consider it desirable to grant leave to file an *amicus curiae* brief in this case.

THEREFORE, THE PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER HEREBY:

Denies the request for leave to file *amicus curiae* brief.

Phnom Penh, 4 August 2009

President of the Pre-Trial Chamber



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Pre-Trial Chamber
 Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia
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July 27, 2009

To: the attention of the President of the Pre-Trial Chamber:

I am Elizabeth Nielsen, a 2009 Legal Associate at the Documentation Center of Cambodia (DCCam). DC-Cam has been actively monitoring the proceedings of the ECCC since the Court's inception. As a former Legal Associate and a legal practitioner in general, I have a strong interest in ensuring that the ECCC adheres to the tenets of international law. Only by doing so will the ECCC fulfill its mission of providing justice for the crimes committed during the period of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodia.

I write to request that the Chamber grant me leave, pursuant to Internal Rule 33, to submit a written *amicus curiae* brief regarding the fair trial implications of corruption allegations at the ECCC. Allegations of corruption at the ECCC are an issue of serious concern, as demonstrated by the continued litigation over the Nuon Chea Defense Team's request, joined by counsel for Ieng Sary, Ieng Thirith, and Khieu Samphan and supported by the Co-Lawyers for Civil Parties, to investigate corruption allegations and release the results of the UN-OIOS report on corruption. A determination of the relevant fair trial implications is highly important to the entirety of the Court's proceedings and should therefore be made only after considering all applicable submissions and sources of legal analysis.

The Court could benefit from accepting *amici curiae* briefs from neutral parties unaffiliated with any of its offices. These briefs offer the Court a thorough and complete picture of the jurisprudence relating to critical issues of law likely to be raised before the ECCC. Therefore, such briefs could be a useful supplement to the Court's own investigation when deciding on critical and complex legal questions, such as the fair trial implications of corruption allegations.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Trial Chamber accept the attached *amicus curiae* brief regarding the issue of fair trial implications of corruption allegations at the ECCC. Thank you very much. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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