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TRIAL CHAMBER

TO: All parties, Case 002

FROM: Judge NIL Nonn, Trial Chamber President

CC: All Trial Chamber Judges; Trial Chamber Senior Legal Officer

SUBJECT: Directions regarding documents sought for impeachment purposes

On 30 April 2012, extensive discussion took place in court regarding documents which a party intends using for impeachment purposes. The NUON Chea Defence team submitted that such documents need not be proposed for admission before the Chamber (T., 30 April 2012, pp. 83-86).

All material sought for use before the Chamber, in accordance with the ECCC's legal framework and that established by the Chamber's document decisions to date (E185 and E190), must satisfy the criteria contained in Internal Rule 87(3), irrespective of the purpose for which the material in question is intended to be used.

It follows that any document the parties intend to use in court and which has not been accorded an E3 classification (granted to documents put or considered as having been put before the Chamber) or which is not mentioned on any list of documents proposed to be put before the Chamber must instead satisfy the requirements of Internal Rule 87(4) for putting new documents before the Chamber. In accordance with recognized fair trial principles, the minimum condition for in-court reference to a document not already before the Chamber or proposed to be put before it is therefore a timely application to place that document on the Case File and/or to seek its admission pursuant to this sub-rule.

The burden to ensuring the timely filing and sufficient advance notice to the Chamber and the other parties of all documents relied on by a party in their examination of a witness, Civil Party or Expert lies on the party seeking to rely on the material in question.

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