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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER CHAMBRE PRELIMINAIRE

Criminal Case File Nº

002/19-09-2007-ECCC/OCIJ (PTC01)

PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER

Before:

Judge Rowan DOWNING

Judge NEY Thol

Judge Katinka LAHUIS

Judge HUOT Vuthy

Date:

12 February 2008

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PUBLIC ORDER ON THE FILING OF SUBMISSIONS ON THE ISSUE OF CIVIL PARTY PARTICIPATION IN APPEALS AGAINST PROVISIONAL DETENTION ORDER AND AN INVITATION TO AMICUS CURIAE

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- The Pre-Trial Chamber held a hearing on the appeal by the Co-Lawyers for the Charged Person Nuon Chea against the provisional detention order of the Co-Investigating Judges on 7-8 February 2008.
- 2. At the date of the hearing, four civil party applications had been assessed by the Co-Investigating Judges, resulting in the participation of four Civil Parties in case file no. 002/19-09-07-ECCC/OCIJ. On 31 January 2008, the Pre-Trial Chamber was informed of the appointment of lawyers for all four Civil Parties and of their intention to appear at the hearing (originally scheduled for 4 February 2008). Prior to the hearing, notification was given of the presence of Civil Parties and their lawyers at the hearing and of the time allocated for submissions by the Civil Parties.
- 3. At the hearing, the Co-Lawyers argued that permitting the Civil Parties to participate in the proceedings would violate the right of the Charged Person to a fair trial. According to the Co-Lawyers, the views and concerns of Civil Parties must be presented in a way which is not prejudicial to the Charged Person. It was noted that the Civil Parties had not filed written pleadings nor had they made their interests known to the other Parties or to the Pre-Trial Chamber. Furthermore, the Co-Lawyers argued that Internal Rule 23 did not provide for participation of the Civil Parties in proceedings dealing with appeals against detention orders. They referred to the judgement of the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court ("ICC") dated 13 February 2007 (No. 01/04-01/06 (OA7)) in the case of the *Prosecutor v. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo*.
- 4. The Pre-Trial Chamber, on the basis of the submissions of the Partics and the unanimous desire to proceed with the hearing, decided to reserve the rights of the defence and issue a ruling on the civil party matter prior to its decision on the provisional detention appeal. The hearing proceeded on the basis that any submissions by the Civil Parties and/or their lawyers could be admitted or excluded prior to determining the provisional detention appeal. This would depend on the outcome of the Pre-Trial Chamber's ruling on the question of principle.
- 5. This issue has arisen in the Nuon Chea appeal against the order for provisional detention. It may affect the position or harm the interests of Charged Persons in other

appeals relating to provisional detention that are pending before the Pre-Trial Chamber. The Pre-Trial Chamber therefore joins the pending appeals in relation to this matter and invites the Co-Lawyers for the other Charged Persons to file submissions.

6. Furthermore, considering the fundamental character of the issue, the Pre-Trial Chamber considers it to be of importance to obtain the opinions of *amici curiae*. The Pre-Trial Chamber seeks focused submissions from *amici curiae* addressing the issue of the balance between the rights of the Charged Person to a fair trial and the rights of the Civil Parties in the context of the ECCC Internal Rules.

Therefore, the Pre-Trial Chamber Orders as follows:

- 1) That the Co-Lawyers in case files 002/19-09-07-ECCC/OCIJ(PTC01), 002/19-09-07-ECCC/OCIJ(PTC02), 002/19-09-07-ECCC/OCIJ(PTC03) and 002/19-09-07-ECCC/OCIJ(PTC04) may file written submissions in respect of the issues raised by 15.30 on 22 February 2008.
- 2) That the Co-Prosecutors may file written submissions in respect of the issues raised by 15.30 on 22 February 2008.
- 3) That the Civil Parties in case file 002/19-09-07-ECCC/OCIJ may file written submissions in respect of the issues raised by 15.30 on 22 February 2008.
- 4) That amicus curiae briefs will be received until 15.30 on 22 February 2008.
- 5) That the Parties may respond to the submissions made by any other Party or to any *amicus curiae* briefs by 15.30 on 6 March 2008.
- 6) That the page limit for submissions is 10 pages in English and French, and 15 pages in Khmer.
- 7) That the Parties and *amici curiae* shall, as far as possible, submit their submissions in Khmer, English and French.

Phnom Penh, 12 February 2008 of President Trial Chamber

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