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Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia

Chambres Extraordinaires au sein des Tribunaux Cambodgiens

Translation of original Khmer version

**FROM PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COURT CHAMBER OF THE ECCC
TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OSJI**

Subject: Request for correction to the statement issued on 14 February 2007

Reference: Decision of the meeting of all national judges on 1-2 March 2007

On behalf of all national judges of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) we deeply regret the fact that the Open Society Justice Initiative (OSJI) issued a statement on 14 February 2007 alleging that “national judges must kick back a significant percentage of their wages to Cambodian government officials in exchange for their position”. This unsubstantiated allegation, which has been published by a number of national and international media, creates public confusion and seriously undermines the reputation and integrity of all national judges appointed to the ECCC.

All national judges of the ECCC hereby affirm to you and the public at large that our decisions to work for the ECCC were made without being subject to any pressure or promise as mentioned in your statement. We all clearly understand that bringing justice to the people of Cambodia, especially victims of the Khmer Rouge regime, is a mission that requires the highest level of professional responsibility.

Therefore, we request you to correct by appropriate means this unsubstantiated allegation.

Phnom Penh, 8 March 2007

(signed)

Kong Srim

