



STATEMENT OF THE VICTIMS UNIT

The Victims Unit of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) wishes to inform the public of the following:

The Trial Chamber has announced that the Initial Hearing in Case 1 will begin on 17 February 2009. This means that persons who suffered harm as a result of the crimes allegedly committed by Kaing Guek Eav alias Duch at Office S-21 (Tuol Sleng), Office S-24 (Prey Sar) and Choeung Ek should submit their Civil Party applications to the Victims Unit before **4:00 PM on Monday 2 February 2009**. Any Civil Party application that is submitted after the deadline will not be considered by the judges of the Trial Chamber.

In Case 2, the deadline for the submission of Civil Party applications has not been determined yet. According to the Internal Rules of the ECCC, Civil Party applications must be filed ten working days before the initial hearing.

Please note that only Civil Party applications that are complete will be admitted by the Trial Chamber. The following information must be included:

- Names of the victim or victims and civil party applicant;
- Contact address of the applicant in Cambodia;
- Signature or thumbprint of the applicant;
- All available information related to the crime or crimes alleged by the applicant (the Court needs to be able to identify that what happened to the applicant is related to the crimes being investigated by the Court);
- If available, a copy of an identity card;
- If available, any documents that support the information the applicant provides. For example: a photograph of the victim. Please provide only copies, not originals.

Those who wish to provide the Co-Prosecutors with additional factual information without participating in the hearings may submit a complaint containing evidence relevant to the case against Mr. Kaing Guek Eav alias Duch. Such evidence will be considered by the Co-Prosecutors and, where appropriate, be submitted to the Trial Chamber. There is no deadline to

submit a complaint. However it is important to know that any such information should be provided **as soon as possible** so as to increase the possibility that the Trial Chamber may consider it in its deliberations. This information can be provided to the Victims Unit who will forward it to the Co-Prosecutors.

Those who are interested in participating as complainants or Civil Parties should complete the Victim Information Form. The Form is available at the Victims Unit and also on the website of the ECCC in Khmer, English and French. The Form is free of charge and there is no cost to apply to become a civil party.

Once completed, the Form should be submitted to the Victims Unit. To obtain the Victim Information Form and any assistance please contact the Victims Unit at:

Victims Unit of the ECCC
Information Center
House No. 6A, Street 21,
Sangkat Tonle Basac I, Khan Chamcarmon,
Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
Tel: 023 214 291.

The Victims Unit is ready to assist those victims who wish to participate in the proceedings. The office is open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM from Monday to Friday. The office will be also open on Saturday 24 January, Sunday 25 January, Saturday 31 January and Sunday 1 February.

For general information or for assistance in completing the Victim Information Form, victims can also contact the following organizations:

Cambodian Human Rights & Development Association (ADHOC)
Tel/Fax: +(855) 023 990 544
Email: adhoc@forum.org.kh

Center for Social Development (CSD)
Tel/Fax: +(855) 023 364 735/ +(855) 023 364 736
Email: csd@online.com.kh

Documentation Center of Cambodia (DC-Cam)
Tel/Fax: +(855) 023 211 875/ +(855) 023 210 358
Email: dccam@online.com.kh
Khmer Institute for Democracy (KID)

Tel/Fax: +(855) 023 214 928/ +(855) 023 216 206
Email: director.kid@online.com.kh

For help with psychological support:

Transcultural Psychosocial Organization (TPO)
Tel/Fax: +(855) 023 219 182/ +(855) 023 218 478
Email: admin@tpocambodia.org

For help with obtaining legal representation:

Cambodian Defenders Project (CDP)
Tel/Fax: +(855) 023 720 032/ +(855) 023 720 031
Email: cdp@cdpcambodia.org

Legal Aid of Cambodia (LAC)
Tel/Fax: +(855) 023 884 262/ +(855) 023 884 263
Email: lac@online.com.kh

***The Victim Information Form and the process of applying are free of charge.
The ECCC does not charge any fee at any stage of the proceedings.***

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