



Press Release:

Appointment of Foreign Co-Lawyer for Nuon Chea

Nuon Chea has today chosen Mr Michiel Pestman of the Netherlands to act as his foreign Co-Lawyer alongside Cambodian Co-Lawyer Son Arun.

Mr Pestman is a partner at the law firm of Böhler Franken Koppe Wijngaarden in Amsterdam, where he has been a member of the bar since 1994. He has a practice that covers criminal law in both the domestic and international courts. From 1993-2001 he was a member of the team representing Bosnia and Herzegovina before the International Court of Justice in their action against Serbia for genocide. From 2003 he has represented Moinina Fofana before the Special Court for Sierra Leone in the trial against the government militia leaders, who last week was sentenced to six years imprisonment for war crimes. His domestic cases involve defending those accused of terrorism and other serious criminal offences in Europe and elsewhere. He lectures on international law at the University of Amsterdam.

Mr Pestman states: "I am looking forward to working with my Co-Lawyer Mr Son Arun and the other members of the team to represent Nuon Chea. I will do everything that I can to ensure that our client receives a fair trial. It is essential that he has a proper defence".

His application to be registered with the Bar Association of the Kingdom of Cambodia has been filed today.

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