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Date: 20 September 2012

TO: Susan Lamb, Trial Chamber Senior Legal Officer

FROM: Wendy Lobwein, Coordinator WESU 

SUBJECT: Expert Witness Philip Short (TCE-65) update

I write in response to a request from the Trial Chamber for further information as to the arrangements made for the forthcoming testimony of the expert Mr Philip Short (TCE-65) and his future availability.

Preparations for the testimony of Mr Short during October 2012 (or indeed any month of 2012 for which he was approached) were particularly demanding because Mr Short is intensively engaged in a particular project for the whole of 2012 which makes it extremely difficult for him to free himself for the period of time requested by the Court during this year. Mr Short originally requested to schedule his testimony in 2013 if it were possible.

On 19 September 2012 WESU contacted Mr Short by email to inform him that the accused Mr. Ieng Sary was ill and currently unable to participate in the hearings, and that the Trial Chamber were looking to identify options in relation to his testimony should medical advice suggest that Mr. Ieng Sary would remain unable to participate for a prolonged period. WESU further informed Mr. Philip Short that the Trial Chamber would hold an oral hearing with the parties on 21 September 2012 to discuss this matter, and that WESU was seeking an update from him on the impact any changes would have upon him and on his future availability.

Mr. Short confirmed again that his preference would be to provide his testimony during 2013 and he particularly requested that I stress this to the Trial Chamber. He has availability early in the year, mid-January to mid-February 2013, and can discuss other dates. He would find rescheduling to later this year, 2012, very difficult; in fact if a mutually acceptable date is not set this present week, he will not be able to attend.

The financial implications of changing the current logistical arrangements are that the Court would incur a cost between USD \$200 – 700, the final figure dependent on a variety of factors.

I remain available should you have questions or require further information.