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COMMENTS

- 1. Mr. Nuon Chea, through his counsel ("the Defence") would like to raise his concern relating to the presence of Kaing Guek Eav alias Duch at the Detention Facility of ECCC. When the Supreme Court Chamber rendered its final judgement, sentencing Duch to life in imprisonment, Mr. Nuon Chea informed the Detention Facility of his concern about the possible ill intention of Duch against him. To ease the worry, Mr. Nuon Chea requested the chief of the Detention Facility to lock his cell in order to protect him from a possible attempt on his life.¹
- 2. We support the request for the measure to separate Duch from the accused persons in Case 002,² and the action should be implemented permanently, not provisionally. Contrary to the reason raised by Civil Party Lead Co-Lawyers, the request by Mr. Noun Chea reveals that he has never harboured any intent to pressure the witness. On the contrary, he fears threats against his life by the hypocrite witness. The bad intention of Duch towards Mr. Nuon Chea has persistently been observed in his unreliable testimonies before the Office of Co-Investigating Judges, and in his unreliable confession in Case 001, delivered in the hope of obtaining a reduced sentence or even acquittal.

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¹ *Note*: The request for protection measure was made orally by Mr Nuon Chea soon after the Supreme Court Chamber's Final Judgment against Duch.

² Civil Party Lead Co-Lawyers' letter "Urgent Letter to the Trial Chamber Requesting Appropriate Measures to Secure the temporary Segregation of Witness Kaig Guek Eav from his Fellow Detainees", 5 March 2012.