

ECCC 1st-Recognized Civil Party and Representative of the Orphans Class, Theary Seng, **Withdraws Her Civil Party Status and Denounces ECCC as “Irredeemable Political Farce”**

that is Negating Justice, Soiling Memory, Embedding Cynicism;

Introduces Poetic Justice Products to Reverse the Negative Impact

PRESS RELEASE

On 25 September 2007, immediately after the arrest of Khmer Rouge Brother No. 2, Nuon Chea, for war crimes and crimes against humanity by the Extraordinary Chambers (ECCC), Ms. Theary C. Seng, who was orphaned and imprisoned by the Khmer Rouge, wrote up her own application, went personally into the Office of Co-Investigating Judges, and filed the first civil party application. She became the first civil party in international law. Also unprecedented in international law, she confronted her mass murderers (Nuon Chea, Khieu Samphan, Ieng Sary, Ieng Thirith) in the ECCC courtroom and in her own voice as civil party argued for their continued pre-trial detention. She fought hard and won the right for a civil party to address the Chamber in person.

For a period of six years, Ms. Seng was the “poster child” for the genocide and a strong, articulate voice (spanning the national-international spectrum) as victim and opinion-maker in supporting the ECCC despite its serious flaws. She believed the ECCC to be necessary as a “court of law” in catalyzing benefits in the “court of public opinion” and viewed these benefits to outweigh the deep problems of political interference, UN apathy, corruption, incompetence, etc.

No longer. Within recent months, the scale has tipped for her. These compounded, viciously intractable, toxic shenanigans are threatening to transform the real but still fragile embryonic benefits into irreversible cynicism, the worst legacy imaginable for an already distrusting, mistrusting, long-suffering people. Consequently, Ms. Seng no longer wishes to have any legal association with this ECCC which is mocking the dead, her and other victims and embedding impunity; she cannot do otherwise but to withdraw her status as civil party in Case 002 as well as the appeal of her civil party application in Cases 003 and 004.

Moreover, she denounces this ECCC as a political farce, an irreversible sham of extraordinary perversion in denying justice to victims, exploiting their suffering, soiling the memories of their loved ones and embedding cynicism in an already fragile population living in paranoia, mistrust and distrust.

Following her visit to the ECCC, she will hold a press conference to discuss her decisions, her new role *vis-à-vis* the ECCC as well as to introduce the Poetic Justice Products as one means of salvaging the benefits from the nefarious legacy of this vacuous grand pageantry that is the two-hundred-million-dollar ECCC.

Press Conference

Ms. Theary Seng’s Residence at 22B, Street 302

Tuesday, 15 November 2011 at 10 A.M.

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