



PRESS RELEASE

DEFENCE LAWYERS LIST OPENS

The Defence Support Section (DSS) of the ECCC is today opening the list of Cambodian and foreign lawyers who may be selected by clients to defend cases before the ECCC.

Accused persons before the ECCC may be represented by Co-Lawyers, one Cambodian and one foreign. Both Cambodian and foreign Co-Lawyers will have to demonstrate established competence in criminal law and procedure at a national or international level. Foreign Co-Lawyers will also have to possess 10 years of relevant experience.

Inclusion on the list will follow procedures outlined in the Internal Rules, adopted by the judicial officers on 12 June 2007, and in the DSS Administrative Regulations adopted on 9 July 2007.

Earlier this year the Bar Council of the Kingdom of Cambodia decided that foreign lawyers would have to pay a fee of US \$500 in order to be included in the list.

Candidates may apply by visiting the DSS page of the ECCC website at www.eccc.gov.kh.

Rupert Skilbeck, Head of the Defence Support Section, commented: “We expect lawyers from all over the world to apply to be included in the list of lawyers. We have already had a great deal of interest from lawyers in Australia, Canada, France, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, the UK and the USA. I am confident that we will be able to build strong defence teams for everyone brought before the Court in order to ensure fair trials.”

The Co-Lawyers will be assisted by a defence team made up of Legal Consultants and Case Managers. The DSS at the same time opened the application procedure for these positions.

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