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**ព្រះរាជាណាចក្រកម្ពុជា
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PRESS RELEASE

On 30 June 2010, the Defence Support Section (DSS) received a Request by Mr Kaing Guek Eav (alias DUCH) to withdraw his co-lawyer, Maitre Francois Roux.

The grounds for dismissing a co-lawyer are provided for in the DSS Administrative Regulations. Article 7.2 states:

“Change of lawyers. A suspect, charged person or accused may apply to the ECCC to change both or either of the Co-Lawyers. A suspect, charged person or accused may only be permitted to change Co-Lawyers in exceptional circumstances.”

On 5 July 2010, the DSS granted the Request by Mr Kaing and issued an administrative decision in the following terms:

1. *The DSS grants the Request of Mr Kaing for the withdrawal of his foreign co-lawyer, Maitre Roux.*
2. *In making this decision the DSS noted the following:*
 - a. *There is no reason to doubt that Mr Kaing’s loss of confidence is genuine;*
 - b. *There is no reason to believe that the Request is aimed at obstructing the proceedings;*
 - c. *The withdrawal of Maitre Roux at this stage will not unduly delay the proceedings;*
 - d. *The loss of confidence amounts to exceptional circumstances.*
3. *This decision is not an endorsement of the underlying reasons for the loss of confidence put forward by Mr Kaing in his Request. In the circumstances, it has not been necessary either to accept or to reject the underlying reasons.*
4. *The DSS invites the Trial Chamber to confirm the withdrawal of Maitre Roux as foreign co-lawyer for Mr Kaing.*

On 9 July 2010, the Trial Chamber noted the withdrawal of Maitre Roux as foreign co-lawyer for Mr Kaing.

Mr Kaing will continue to be represented by his Cambodian Co-lawyer, Mr Kar Savuth. The DSS will not consider the appointment of a second Co-Lawyer to replace Maitre Roux until after the verdict.

The Defence Support Section would like to extend its gratitude to Maitre Roux and his team of international lawyers for their central and substantial contribution to Case 001 and to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia.

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