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The Association of Victims of Democratic Kampuchea “KSEM KSAN” wishes to express its surprise at the latest statement of the OCIJ regarding the resignation of some of its staff.

In any organization, the churning of staff is a normal way of life. That the OCIJ feels so strongly about some of its resigning staff so as to issue a statement on a Sunday evening, weeks after the actual resignation, calls into question its motives and raises fears of hidden damages already done.

Given the latest trends whereby internal fighting within the ECCC spills out in the public arena, without arbitration process being amicably explored, we express our utmost concern that the proceedings on case 002, the appeal of case 001 and the handling of cases 003 and 004, in brief, the whole process could be undermined, thus denying the KR’s victims of long awaited justice and creating a legacy of inefficiency for a UN-sponsored tribunal.

We therefore call upon the UN Secretary General and the Royal Government of Cambodia to help remedy to the potentially inevitable credibility gap between the ECCC and the KR’s Victims.

On behalf of Steering Committee

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