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PRESS RELEASE

MARIE GUIRAUD APPOINTED AS INTERNATIONAL CIVIL PARTY LEAD CO-LAWYER

Ms. Marie Guiraud of France has been appointed as new international Civil Party Lead Co-Lawyer at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC). Her appointment is effective 1 June 2014.

Ms. Guiraud has 15 years of experience in the field of criminal law and human rights. She obtained a LL.M in Public International Law and Human Rights at the University College London, and a postgraduate degree in law from the University of Montpellier. She has represented civil parties before the ECCC since 2008, and she has also represented victims of international crimes before courts in the Ivory Coast and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In France Ms. Giraud has represented both defendants and civil parties in all areas of criminal law, including terrorism crimes and transnational crimes. Prior to her litigation career, Ms. Guiraud headed the Globalization and Human Rights Office in the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH).

Ms. Guiraud is qualified to practice law in France and Cambodia and works in French and English. Ms. Guiraud is a member of the FIDH's Litigation Action Group and the International Legal Network of Lawyers Without Borders – Belgium.

Ms. Guiraud will work together with the national Civil Party Lead Co-Lawyer Mr. Pich Ang. Victims of crimes within the jurisdiction of the ECCC may join the proceedings as civil parties and pursue a claim for moral and collective reparation. The Civil Party Lead Co-Lawyers shall ensure the effective organization of the representation of civil parties during the trial stage and beyond. Their core responsibilities include representing the interests of the consolidated group of civil parties, overall advocacy, strategy and in-court presentation of the interests of the civil parties in close conjunction with the individual civil party lawyers.

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