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Live Screening of Case 002/01 Verdict **August 7, 2014**

On August 7, 2014 the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) will pronounce the verdict on case 002/01 against the accused Nuon Chea and Khieu Samphan. This very important case involves senior leaders of the Democratic Kampuchea regime who issued policies that resulted in nearly two millions deaths and affected the entire Cambodian population. For over thirty-five years, survivors have waited anxiously for justice. It has been particularly challenging for survivors living in remote areas, waiting to receive news about the verdict. To ensure the Cambodian public in rural areas have access to information and news about the verdict pronouncement at the ECCC gallery in Phnom Penh, the Documentation Center of Cambodia will organize 25 public village forums and live screenings in specific areas across the country. The live screenings and forums will provide ethnic minorities, marginalized people, former Khmer Rouge soldiers and cadres, and villagers living in rural and mountainous areas with access to information they would otherwise have no access to. We expect 250-300 people to participate in each village forum. Participants will be briefed about the history of Case 002/01 before the pronouncement is made at 9 a.m. Following the verdict, 2-3 DC-Cam team members at each site will organize a forum for participants to express their opinions, reactions and views on peace and reconciliation.

In the afternoon, we will screen the awarding-winning documentary film *A River Changes Course*, by filmmaker Kalyanee Mam and produced in association with the Documentation Center of Cambodia. The film will help expose villagers to the current social and environmental challenges facing Cambodia today and encourage discussion on what villagers can do to help preserve the country's natural resources.

In Phnom Penh, 50 villagers and community leaders from at least 20 communes across the country will be invited to attend the pronouncement of the verdict at the ECCC courtroom. When they return home, the community leaders are obligated to share information with their fellow villagers about what they witnessed in the courtroom. Two to three DC-Cam staff members and volunteers will help facilitate each live screening site.

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