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DECISION ON AO AN’S REQUEST FOR PAGE EXTENSION

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## I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY & SUBMISSIONS

1. Disagreements between the Co-Investigating Judges (“CIJs”) in this case were registered on 22 February 2013, 5 April 2013, and 22 January 2015.
2. On 6 December 2016, the Ao An Defence (“Defence”) filed a request for a page limit extension to 25 pages (“Request”)<sup>1</sup> for an application they propose to file that seeks the annulment of several written records of interview that form a central part of the CIJs’ investigation into crimes allegedly committed by Ao An.<sup>2</sup>
3. The Defence submit that the range, depth, and significance of their analysis, as well as the volume and importance of the alleged procedural defects, are “*exceptional circumstances*” that warrant the page limit extension.<sup>3</sup> The Defence further submit that a page limit extension would not prejudice the parties or the investigation and without one they cannot craft a quality application.<sup>4</sup>
4. On 7 December 2016, the Co-Prosecutors informed my office that they will not be filing any response to the Request.<sup>5</sup>

## II. DISCUSSION

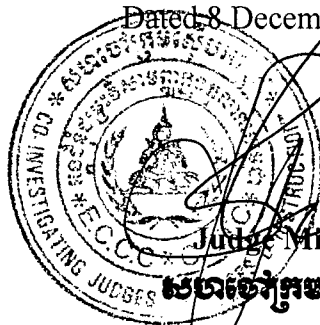
5. The Practice Direction sets the page limit for documents filed before the CIJs at 15 pages.<sup>6</sup> The CIJs may extend the page limit in “*exceptional circumstances*.”<sup>7</sup>
6. I am satisfied that the reasons stated by the Defence justify a page extension for the Application in this instance.

### FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, I:

7. **GRANT** the Request and extend the page limit of the proposed application to 25 pages.

This decision is filed in English, with a Khmer translation to follow.

Dated 8 December 2016, Phnom Penh

  
 Judge Michael Bohlander  
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<sup>1</sup> Case File No. 004-D332, *Ao An’s Urgent Request for a Page Extension*, 6 December 2016, paras 2-3.

<sup>2</sup> Request, paras 2, 8.

<sup>3</sup> Request, para. 7.

<sup>4</sup> Request, paras 9-10.

<sup>5</sup> See Annex: *Email from Ruth Mary Hackler to Nivedha Thiru*, 7 December 2016.

<sup>6</sup> Practice Direction ECCC/01/2007/Rev. 8, Article 5.1.

<sup>7</sup> Practice Direction ECCC/01/2007/Rev. 8, Article 5.4.