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## Submitted to

Chief of the Defence Support Section of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodía (ECCC)

Subject: Mr Victor Koppe's Case

Ref.: BAKC Decision No. 515/SSKM/18 dated 16 August 2018 on Placement of Mr Victor Koppe, International Co-Counsel for NUON Chea in Case 002/02, outside of the BAKC List

With reference to the above subject and reference, the BAKC wishes to inform you that Mr Victor Koppe has been placed outside of the BAKC List since 9 August 2018 according to the abovementioned Decision and his name has been removed (pursuant to Article 5 of this Decision). However, on 16 November 2018, Mr Victor Koppe still participated, as a lawyer, in the ECCC Trial Chamber pronouncement of the summary of its judgement and in the press conference in his capacity as the International Co-Counsel for NUON Chea. The fact that Mr Victor Koppe continued to dress as a professional lawyer, use the legal profession and participate in the court proceedings after his name had been removed from the BAKC is in breach of the Law on the BAR and the BAKC Decision, punishable under Article 77 of the Law on the BAR. I wish to stress that the Decision still takes effect even in case of an appeal (Article 5 of the BAKC Decision) because it was made by an independent institution and no any provision stipulates that the enforcement of BAKC decisions is suspended in the event of an appeal. Only when the Appeal Court or the Supreme Court finally overrules the Decision will the BAKC Council reconsider Mr Victor Koppe's case.

Mr Victor Koppe's name is not currently in the BAKC List. Therefore, he is not authorised to practise the legal profession.

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The BAKC hopes that you will cooperate and act in accordance with BAKC Decision No. 515/SSKM/18 dated 16 August 2018 and the Law on the BAR in order to avoid any legal consequences arising from Mr Victor Koppe's illegal profession.

Please accept the assurances of my high consideration.

Phnom Penh, 11 December 2018

By order of the President of the BAKC

[Signed and sealed]

Lawyer KOY Neam
Deputy Secretary General

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