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INTERNATIONAL CO-PROSECUTOR'S RESPONSE TO THE CIVIL PARTY LEAD CO-LAWYERS' REOUEST FOR DIRECTIONS REGARDING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF CIVIL PARTY DOCUMENTS

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RESPONSE

- 1. The International Co-Prosecutor ("ICP") hereby responds to the Civil Party Lead Co-Lawyers' request to the Supreme Court Chamber for directions regarding the reclassification of Civil Party documents.¹
- 2. As the Lead Co-Lawyers observe, reclassification requires a careful balancing of interests and is an issue of great significance. The ICP notes that this balancing of interests is required not only for Civil Parties but also for the accused, the witnesses, and the potential witnesses who participated in the proceedings. The ICP supports the Lead Co-Lawyers' request for guidance from the Chamber regarding ways the parties can contribute to the process, particularly in protecting sensitive and private information in Case 002 as well as in other case files.
- 3. To that end, the ICP intends to file her own reclassification request to the Chamber next week. Although the request will propose the reclassification of specific Case 004/2 documents, the main goal is to more broadly facilitate the development of policies and procedures that will ensure reclassification at the ECCC is carried out with care and uniformity across all the cases.
- 4. It is the hope of the ICP that the Chamber will allow all the parties to engage in the reclassification process so that the documents of this Court are as made as publicly available as possible while also safeguarding the sensitive and personal information of the people who bravely contributed to the ECCC's work. It is only by striking the right balance between these two principles that the ECCC will achieve a legacy truly worth emulating.

Respectfully submitted,

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