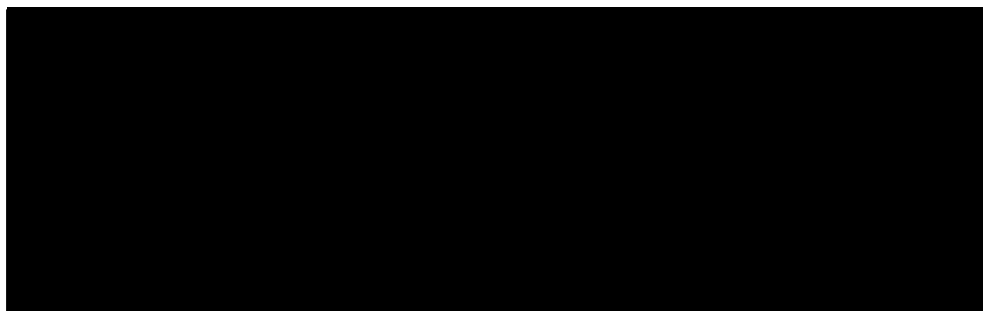


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**From:** Doreen CHEN  
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**Subject:** Reasons for the Special Panel's decision on disqualification of judges

**Importance:** High

Dear Anne-Marie and Suy-Hong,

The Co-Lawyers for Nuon Chea (the "Defence") write in relation to the Special Panel's 14 November 2014 decision regarding the Defence's application to disqualify Judges Nonn, Sokhan, Lavergne, and Ottara from any further proceedings against Nuon Chea (Doc. No. E314/12). In their decision, in which the Special Panel dismissed the Defence's application by majority with Judge Downing dissenting, the Special Panel advised that its fully reasoned decision would be issued "in Khmer, English and French, as soon as it is available".

The Defence intends to refer in detail to the Special Panel's reasoned disqualification decision, and particularly Judge Downing's dissent, in its forthcoming appeal against the trial judgement in Case 002/01. This appeal is due to be filed to the Supreme Court Chamber on 29 December 2014, which is in 10 business days' time. The Defence therefore needs to review the Special Panel's reasons as a matter of utmost urgency.

In light of this situation and in the interests of justice, the Defence requests that in the event that the Special Panel's reasons will not be notified to the parties in all three languages by Friday, 19 December 2014, the reasons should be notified to the parties on that day in English (as a courtesy copy), with other language versions to follow.

The Defence thanks the Special Chamber in advance for its consideration and response.

Best regards,  
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