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**Extraordinary Chambers National Security Section** 

To:

H.E. President of the Trial Chamber of Extraordinary Chambers in Courts of

Cambodia

Subject: Rep

Report on Delay in Execution of Order to Bring a Witness Refusing to Appear

Ref.:

Order to Bring a Witness Refusing to Appear, E202/208/2 dated 4 April 2016

issued by the Trial Chamber, Extraordinary Chambers in Courts of Cambodia

As per the above-mentioned subject and reference, the Judicial Police would respectively report to His Excellency President of the Trial Chamber of Extraordinary Chambers in Courts of Cambodia as follows: after receipt of the Trial Chamber's Order to Bring a Witness Refusing to Appear, E202/208/2 dated 4 April 2016, on 4 April 2016 at 2.30 p.m., the National Security Section and the Judicial Police Officers were prepared to execute the Order in cooperation with the local police and the ECCC's Witness and Expert Support Unit, setting the time and identifying the location for execution at 7.00 a.m. Later, we received an urgent request from the Council for Islamic Religious Affairs for an opportunity to convince the witness to appear on a voluntary basis on the ground that the forced measure would mislead Muslim Cambodians and might lead to various protests and violence. Given the fact that the witness is a Muslim Cambodian with a high position in the Council for Islamic Religious Affairs, and considering the Council's request to assist in providing explanations for the witness to appear on a voluntary basis, in order to prevent any possible incidents, the Judicial Police Officers informed the ECCC's Witness and Expert Support Unit about what happened and the decision to delay executing the Order, enabling the Council for Islamic Religious Affairs to have an opportunity to convince the witness. The Judicial Police Officers would strictly execute the Order unless there was any specific information.

On 5 April 2016, at 2.00 p.m., the witness agreed to appear on 6 April 2016 and requested an assistant to accompany him in court.

May H.E. President review the foregoing and decide accordingly.

Please, H.E. President, accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Phnom Penh,.....April 2016

Deputy Chief of the National Security Section

[Signed]

Major General LOR Soleng