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**Civil Party Lead Co-Lawyers' Section Section des co-avocats principaux des parties civiles** 

## LETTER

To: Judge KONG Srim, President of the Supreme Court Chamber of the

Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia and the Judges of the

Supreme Court Chamber

**SUBJECT**: Rendering of the Case 002/01 Appeal Judgement

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**REFERENCE**: Rule 21 of the Internal Rules of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of

Cambodia

**Copy**: The Parties in the Appeals before the Supreme Court Chamber

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The Internal Rules recognize the rights of victims to be informed and to see the proceedings before the Court brought to a conclusion within a reasonable time as fundamental principles governing the ECCC. The Civil Party Lead Co-Lawyers therefore write in order to seek clarification as to the scheduling of the case 002/01 Appeal Judgement, noting with concern information contained in the ECCC Completion Plan, Revision 8 of 31 March 2016 ('Completion Plan'), released on 29 April 2016. When the appeal hearings came to a close on 18 February 2016, the relevant completion plan indicated that an appeal judgement could be expected at the end of the second quarter of 2016. Revision 8 of the Completion Plan, published just a few days ago, now projects a final judgement in case 002/01 mid-third quarter of 2016. The trial judgement in case 002/01 was rendered in July 2014. Nearly two years have passed and any delay is concerning, given the advanced ages of the Appellants, Nuon Chea and Khieu Samphan, who are now respectively 89 and 84 years old.

Civil parties have been parties to these proceedings since 2007. Many have reached an advanced age, and more than 50 civil parties have died during the course of the case 002/01 trial and appeal. We therefore urge that a final judgement in case 002/01 be delivered without delay.

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<sup>1</sup> Internal Rule 21(1)(c)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Internal Rule 21(4)