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## OFFICE OF THE CO-INVESTIGATING JUDGES BUREAU DES CO-JUGES D'INSTRUCTION

#### MEMORANDUM

TO:

**All OCIJ Investigators** 

22 September 2015

FROM:

Michael Bohlander

International Co-Investigating Judge

SUBJECT: Instructions on the Recording of Witness and Civil Party Interviews

#### CONFIDENTIAL

On 3 December 2012, the Co-Investigating Judges ("CIJs") issued a Memorandum instructing all OCIJ investigators that it was no longer mandatory to audio or video record interviews of witnesses or civil parties ("3 December 2012 Memorandum").<sup>1</sup>

I note that pursuant to Internal Rule 25, and as confirmed by the Trial Chamber in Case 002,<sup>2</sup> it is not mandatory to audio or video record interviews of witnesses or civil parties. Thus, in issuing the 3 December 2012 Memorandum, the CIJs properly acted within their discretion. However, I prefer the view that audio-recording interviews is good practice as it allows for transparency without compromising efficiency in the judicial investigation. After discussing the matter with National Co-Investigating Judge YOU Bunleng, I have decided to reinstate the practice of audio-recording interviews of witnesses and civil parties.

Accordingly, all OCIJ investigators are hereby instructed, as of today, to audio-record all

interviews conducted in Case 003.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Case File No. 003-D61. Instruction on Conduct of Witness Interviews, 3 December 2012.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Case File No. 002-E142/3, Decision on NUON Chea's Request for a Rule 35 Investigation Regarding Inconsistencies in the Audio and Written Records of OCIJ Witness Interviews, 13 March 2012, para. 6.