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## TRIAL CHAMBER

**Date: 24 July 2012** 

TO: All parties, Case 002

FROM: Nil Nonn, President, Trial Chamber

CC: All judges of the Trial Chamber; Trial Chamber Senior Legal Office

KORM Chanmony and Michelle KEATING, Interpretation and Translation Pool; KONG Sophy and Krystal THOMPSON, Court

Management Section; Seynabou DIOP, Transcription Unit.

SUBJECT: KHIEU Samphan Defence Motion E195 and envisaged future procedures for correction of transcripts

- 1. The Trial Chamber is seised of a Motion by the KHIEU Samphan Defence seeking review of the French version of all transcripts of trial proceedings (on the basis of the Khmer version of the transcript) from the beginning of the substantive hearing in Case 002. According to this Motion, a preliminary review of the French version of the transcript reveals a number of errors and omissions due to the simultaneous relay interpretation of the proceedings between Khmer, English and French (E195). All ECCC transcripts are currently prepared in accordance with transcription and interpretation standards accepted before all international tribunals, which includes the use of relay languages. The Chamber has therefore referred this motion to the Interpretation and Translation Unit (ITU) for comment and will advise the parties of the response received in due course.
- 2. As a general matter, the Chamber notes that the first point of recourse on concerns regarding the accuracy of translation and transcription should be to the ITU or Transcription Unit rather than to the Trial Chamber. To enable the parties to more efficiently seek amendments to straightforward errors in interpretation and transcription, and following consultation with the ITU and the Transcription Unit, the Court Management Section (CMS) has recently circulated a standard operating procedure which will enable corrections to the transcripts to be made directly by those units. The resultant amended transcripts shall then be placed directly on the Case File by CMS, without any need to seek the intervention of the Trial Chamber.