



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Ieng Sary has selected a foreign Co-Lawyer to work with his Cambodian Co-Lawyer, Mr Ang Udom, to represent him before the ECCC. He has chosen Mr Michael Karnavas of the Alaska Bar, and President of the Association of Defence Counsel of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ADC-ICTY).

Mr Karnavas has practiced as a defence lawyer since 1986. He has also taught trial advocacy skills for the past 18 years and lectured widely on international criminal law around the world. In 1995 and 1996 he worked in Cambodia with the Cambodian Defender Project (CDP) and the Cambodian Court Training Project. For the past 7 years he has been defending clients before the Yugoslavia tribunal, firstly as lead counsel for Colonel Vidoje Blagojević, charged with complicity to commit genocide at Srebrenica and then as lead counsel for Dr Jadranko Prlić, charged with large scale ethnic cleansing in Bosnia Herzegovina.

From 2006 he has been the President of the Association of Defence Counsel of the ICTY.

Mr Karnavas' application for registration with the Bar Association of the Kingdom of Cambodia is currently being considered by the Bar Council, and so he will act as Legal Consultant in the case until the process is concluded.

