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PRESS RELEASE

APPOINTMENT OF NEW INTERNATIONAL JUDGES

Upon the nomination by the Secretary-General of the United Nations António Guterres and the approval by the Supreme Council of the Magistracy, His Majesty King Norodom Sihamoni has appointed Ms. Katrien Gabriël WITTEMAN (Netherlands) as International Judge of the Supreme Court Chamber, and Mr. Motoo NOGUCHI (Japan) as Reserve International Judge of the Supreme Court Chamber.

Judge WITTEMAN replaces Judge Maureen Harding CLARK (Ireland), who resigned in September 2022. Reserve Judge Philip RAPOZA (USA) was designated as sitting judge of the Supreme Court Chamber following Judge CLARK's resignation.

Judge NOGUCHI, who previously served as an International Judge of the Supreme Court Chamber between 2006 and 2012, replaces Reserve Judge RAPOZA following his resignation in February 2024.

Pursuant to Article 3 of the UN-RGC Agreement on the ECCC and Rule 17(1) of the ECCC Internal Rules, the Supreme Court Chamber shall be composed of four Cambodian Judges, three International Judges, and Reserve Judges.

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NOTE TO EDITOR:

The Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) are a domestic judicial institution established in accordance with Cambodian law. The ECCC has jurisdiction to bring to trial senior leaders of Democratic Kampuchea and those who were most responsible for the crimes and serious violations of Cambodian penal law, international humanitarian law and custom that were committed during the period from 17 April 1975 to 6 January 1979.

Following completion of its trials, the ECCC commenced residual functions in January 2023 for an initial period of three years in accordance with the Addendum to the UN-RGC Agreement concerning the ECCC. Under the Addendum, national and international judges, co-prosecutors and Civil Party Lead Co-Lawyers work remotely except when their functions require attendance in person at the Extraordinary Chambers.

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