

OFFICE OF THE CO-INVESTIGATING JUDGES

Phnom Penh, 15 July 2009

Samdech Chauvea Veang Kong Sam Ol Vice Prime Minister and Minister of the Royal Palace PHNOM PENH

Samdech,

In the ongoing judicial investigation against Nuon Chea, Ieng Sary, Khieu Samphan and others, relating to charges of Crimes against Humanity and Grave Breaches of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, the Co-Investigating Judges of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) are seized by the Defence for one of the Charged Persons with a request to interview His Majesty the King-Father Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia as a witness.

Given the eminent role of His Majesty the King-Father in the history of Cambodia, this interview appears to be conducive to ascertaining the truth. His Majesty has indeed, on several occasions (in particular, on 4 January 1999, 28 April 2004 and 18 July 2006), indicated publicly that he wishes to be heard by this tribunal.

In order to organize this interview under the best possible conditions, on the premises of the ECCC and in light of the procedural formalities which the Co-Investigating Judges must respect (in particular, the interview would naturally take place in closed session), I would be grateful if you could you bring this letter to the attention of His Majesty the King-Father in the manner that you deem most appropriate.

In order to determine the best possible date for this interview in light of the availability of His Majesty, the greffier of the Co-Investigating Judges will be in contact with the Royal Palace in the coming days.

Please accept my highest regards,

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The International Co-Investigating Judge

