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Trial Chamber Chambre de première instance

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DECISION ON THE CO-PROSECUTORS' REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF THE HEARING OF THE CLOSING STATEMENTS

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### I. INTRODUCTION

- 1. The Trial Chamber of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia ("ECCC") scheduled the hearing of the closing statements in Case 001 to start on 23 November 2009.<sup>1</sup>
- 2. The Co-Prosecutors subsequently requested the postponement of the hearing of the closing statements until 30 November 2009, in consideration of the absence of the National Co-Prosecutor from 23-27 November 2009.<sup>2</sup> On 2 September 2009, the Trial Chamber heard the Parties comments on the Co-Prosecutors' Request.

#### II. FINDINGS

- 3. In accordance with Internal Rule 21(4), the Trial Chamber shall ensure that proceedings before the ECCC shall be brought to a conclusion within a reasonable time.
- 4. The Trial Chamber is of the view that it has provided ample notice to all Parties in the proceeding for the preparation of the hearing of the closing statements. A postponement of this hearing pursuant to the Co-Prosecutors' Request will not be in the interest of justice.

#### FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, THE TRIAL CHAMBER

**DENIES** the Co-Prosecutors' Request.

Phnom Penh, 04 September 2009 President of the Trial Chamber

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direction on Proceedings Relevant to Reparations and on the Filing of Final Written Submissions, 27 August 2009 (Document E159).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Co-Prosecutors' Request for Postponement of the Hearing of the Closing Statements, 28 August 2009 (Document E159/1) ("Co-Prosecutors' Request").