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## TRIAL CHAMBER

TO:

All Parties, Case 002

Date: 14 October 20

FROM:

NIL Nonn, President of the Trial Chamber

CC:

All Trial Chamber Judges; Trial Chamber Senior Legal Officer

Decision on Civil Party Lead Co-Lawyers' Request to Make Opening **SUBJECT:** 

Remarks

- The Trial Chamber is seised of a motion filed by the Civil Party Lead Co-Lawyers seeking leave to make opening remarks on the first day of substantive hearings in Case 002/02 (E316/1). As noted by the Lead Co-Lawyers, the Trial Chamber twice denied the Lead Co-Lawyers' requests to make opening remarks in Case 002/01 as there is no provision for such remarks in the ECCC legal framework (E131/4/1, E1/14.1 pp. 68-70). The Trial Chamber likewise denied a request by the Civil Party lawyers to make opening remarks in Case 001 (E23/4, Case 001).
- The Lead Co-Lawyers submit that the Trial Chamber should reconsider its position because of the following new circumstances: the Trial Chamber decisions on the nature of the consolidated group of civil parties, the scheduling of the opening hearing in Case 002/02 and a recent Supreme Court Chamber decision indicating that Case 002/02 constitutes a separate trial (E316/1, paras 10-11). The Lead Co-Lawyers do not explain how these decisions constitute a change in circumstances relevant to opening statements. Internal Rule 89bis, which remains unchanged, provides that only the Co-Prosecutor, the Accused and his or her lawyers have the right to make opening statements. Therefore, the Chamber denies the request for reconsideration.
- 3. This is the Chamber's official response to E316/1.