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#### MAY IT PLEASE THE TRIAL CHAMBER

- 1. The Lawyers for Kaing Guek Eav alias Duch hereby request the Trial Chamber to appoint a psychologist to assist Kaing Guek Eav throughout the trial.
- 2. Owing to the special characteristics of the case notably the fact that Kaing Guek Eav is constantly reminded of the crimes committed at S-21, for which crimes he has acknowledged responsibility, the active participation in the proceedings by victims as civil parties and the intense media interest the Defence wishes to call the attention of the Trial Chamber to the fact that Kaing Guek Eav could suffer severe emotional distress, which, if he were not to receive proper psychological care, could result in severe psychological problems or even require adjournment of the trial.
- 3. In this connection, the Defence wishes to remind the Trial Chamber that the civil parties already have a psychologist that they can consult whenever necessary. The Defence acknowledges that such assistance is invaluable and crucial for the victims, and requests the Trial Chamber to note that it would only be consistent with the requirements of a fair trial to also provide Kaing Guek Eav with the assistance of a psychologist during the trial.
- 4. Wherefore, this request is both in Duch's interests and in the interests of justice.

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