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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 (Court opens at 0904H)
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Please be seated. The Court is now in session.
- 5 I notice the defence counsel is on his feet. You may proceed.
- 6 MR. IANUZZI:
- 7 Thank you, Your Honour. Good morning. Just a quick point of
- 8 clarification.
- 9 I'm referring to an email communication from the senior legal
- 10 officer regarding the likely appearance of the DC-Cam
- 11 representative on Monday. I would just like some clarification.
- 12 Has the Chamber decided definitively whether that individual will
- 13 be appearing on Monday? And could we know at the first
- 14 opportunity, so that we can prepare ourselves accordingly? Thank
- 15 you.
- 16 [09.06.02]
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 Thank you, Counsel, for your clarification. We shall inform you
- 19 in due course.
- 20 Yesterday, the Chamber heard the objections to A2 annex by the
- 21 three defence teams.
- 22 And this morning the Chamber will hear the arguments by the
- 23 Prosecution and the representative of the Lead Co-Lawyers.
- 24 We now turn over to the Prosecution. You have 45 minutes to
- 25 present your arguments. You may proceed.

- 1 [09.07.20]
- 2 MR. DE WILDE D'ESTMAEL:
- 3 Good morning, Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours.
- 4 Yesterday we heard the Defence's objections and we heard the
- 5 objections made by the Defence for Ieng Sary and Nuon Chea that
- 6 we find very vaque. We have heard these arguments repeated since
- 7 Monday morning.
- 8 We have repeatedly said that the Defence is mistaken in some of
- 9 the legal principles that they have decided to invoke in this
- 10 particular case. In fact, in Memorandum E/159 that was issued by
- 11 Your Honourable Bench, paragraph 6 states that "issues of
- 12 authenticity shall, therefore, be limited to those documents or
- 13 categories which, in the Defence submission, manifestly lack
- 14 reliability or relevance pursuant to internal Rule 87.3".
- 15 [09.08.30]
- 16 In order to satisfy the Chamber's requirements on authenticity,
- 17 it is not up to -- it is up to the Co-Prosecutors to verify the
- 18 authenticity of these documents. In fact, the Defence has
- 19 repeated their only argument even if yesterday counsel Karnavas
- 20 had objected to only three of the 86 documents that we cited.
- 21 Nuon Chea and Ieng Sary defence teams had the responsibility to
- 22 put forward arguments in order to challenge the reliability of
- 23 some of the documents produced. They were remiss in doing so. As
- 24 for the defence team for Khieu Samphan, the Chamber shall assess
- 25 whether or not the objections raised yesterday are, indeed, new

- 1 objections that were not already raised previously that the
- 2 Chamber has already prohibited.
- 3 [09.09.54[
- 4 Be that as it were, these objections only concern the chain of
- 5 custody of these documents. We shall provide a brief explanation
- 6 on the indicia of reliability for these categories of documents,
- 7 be they internal or external characteristics.
- 8 Among some of the 86 documents, 54 are "Revolutionary Flags" or
- 9 are documents of "Revolutionary Youth" publications. Of these 56
- 10 (sic) documents, there are three additional documents that
- 11 constitute new additions or new annexes to the "Revolutionary
- 12 Flags" that were published prior to April 1975. These are
- 13 documents D36/7.1.2.129 (sic), D366/7.153 (sic) and, lastly,
- 14 D267/3.36.
- 15 [09.11.13]
- 16 As the Khieu Samphan defence counsel stated yesterday, these are
- 17 two "Revolutionary Flags" as well as "Revolutionary Youth"
- 18 publications which amount to 52 documents that we will rely upon
- 19 significantly.
- 20 There are also 19 other publications in our annex that were
- 21 published by the CPK. They comprise the statutes of the Communist
- 22 Party of Kampuchea, the statutes of the youth branch, as well as
- 23 a document pertaining to the third anniversary of the creation of
- 24 cooperatives, as well as the four-year plan for the construction
- of socialism in all domains, a plan that spans 1977 to 1980.

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- 1 Within this category, there are also eight documents that are CPK
- 2 (sic) directives, including the notorious decision of the Central
- 3 Committee dated 30th March 1976, as well as instructions
- 4 emanating from Office 870. It bears the document number IS 77.80
- 5 (sic). And to answer the question posed by the Nuon Chea defence
- 6 yesterday; these refer to documents D200/2.12. In fact, it is the
- 7 same as document IS 77.80 (sic) as identified by a witness
- 8 previously.
- 9 [09.12.53]
- 10 Now, before handing the floor over to my colleague, I wish to
- 11 make a few observations on the probative value as well as the
- 12 relevance of these categories of documents.
- 13 All of these directives and publications that came from the
- 14 Kampuchea -- the CPK, rather, were cited in the Closing Order and
- 15 they speak to the historical context of the party, the
- 16 administrative structure of the Central Committee or the Standing
- 17 Committee, local structures, communications and communication
- 18 channels with -- during the regime, the military structure during
- 19 the DK period, roles and responsibilities and the forced transfer
- 20 of the population.
- 21 [09.13.45]
- 22 These publications and directives are of significant relevance.
- 23 They are contemporaneous documents and they now are part and
- 24 parcel of the case file. You will be able to identify these
- 25 specific points in the Closing Order that refer to our list of

- 1 documents in Annex 2.
- 2 I shall, therefore, now hand the floor over to my colleague to
- 3 speak to you about the internal characteristics of all of these
- 4 categories of documents.
- 5 I thank you, Your Honours.
- 6 [09.14.31]
- 7 MR. VENG HUOT:
- 8 Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours. Good
- 9 morning, everyone.
- 10 Today I will respond to the objections raised by Nuon Chea
- 11 defence as well as Ieng Sary and Khieu Samphan.
- 12 As Khieu Samphan defence raised, there is the Office of the
- 13 Co-Prosecutors submitted 24 "Revolutionary Flag" publications,
- 14 and indeed that is correct. Khieu Samphan defence team also
- 15 raised that the "Revolutionary Youth" magazines are in total of
- 16 28, and that is also correct, as we include them in Annex 2 of
- 17 our OCP document list.
- 18 Let me now look at the "Revolutionary Flags".
- 19 So there should be a distinction between the "Revolutionary
- 20 Flags" and the "Revolutionary Youth" magazines. There are 24
- 21 "Revolutionary Flag" publications. The first one is dated August
- 22 1975 and the last one is dated September 1978. All of these were
- 23 published under the period under the Trial Chamber's temporal
- 24 jurisdiction.
- 25 In order to make it clear to the Chamber, I'd like to seek your

- 1 authorization to use the PowerPoint presentation.
- 2 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 3 Yes, you may proceed.
- 4 [09.16.58]
- 5 MR. VENG HUOT:
- 6 The document to be shown is D243/2.1.6, which is dated August
- 7 1976, and the cover page with the Khmer ERN 00063273. French ERN
- 8 is 00538986, English ERN is 00486742.
- 9 Your Honour, you will note that the format is not an A4 format,
- 10 but it is, in fact, a small booklet, two-sided print -- two-sided
- 11 printing.
- 12 (Short pause)
- 13 [09.19.08]
- 14 The document is now on the screen, and for number 1 as indicated
- 15 on the screen -- and I'd like to make it clear to the defence
- 16 teams the flags that we see on the screen are actually red flags,
- 17 and there are five red flags. They are not black and white.
- 18 Nuon Chea thought that after the 17 of April 1975 only one flag
- 19 appeared on the cover. He was wrong about the date, but he was
- 20 right to say that there was a time when the five red flags on the
- 21 cover were replaced by a single red flag. This change began in
- 22 September 1977. There were always five red flags, and only later,
- 23 one flag was used on the cover.
- 24 So when he talks about the change, that is correct, but the
- 25 timing or the period is incorrect.

- 1 I will also pinpoint the distinction in number 2, and under the
- 2 five red flags is the name of the publication, that is,
- 3 "Revolutionary Flag". And this name never changed during the DK
- 4 regime, contrary to what the accused Nuon Chea said. He said was
- 5 it "Red Flag".
- 6 According to our knowledge, there was no publication entitled
- 7 "Red Flag". The name "Revolutionary Flag" always appears on the
- 8 front page.
- 9 And now let me go through to number 3.
- 10 (Short pause)
- 11 [09.22.11]
- 12 I need to move on to the next number and then we can come back to
- 13 point number 3 when time permits.
- 14 In the January issue, the number appeared at the bottom of the
- 15 cover page, in a box. In these types of issue, the number of the
- 16 issue corresponded to the month of the year it was published. For
- 17 example, Issue 1 was published in January, and Issue 8 in August.
- 18 And so the number is always consistent and there were no numbers
- 19 on the cover of special issues.
- 20 [09.23.00]
- 21 And for number 4, it is easy to identify that it is in relation
- 22 to the month and the year of the publication.
- 23 For number 5, when there was more than one article in the
- 24 publication, there was an index in a box on page 2, so this is
- 25 page 2 of the "Revolutionary Flag". Only a few of the 24

- 1 "Revolutionary Flag" publications have a single article and,
- 2 therefore, no index. These articles are mainly long speeches by
- 3 party representatives.
- 4 Let me now move on to number 6. On the same page, there was
- 5 always a single red flag and the word "Revolutionary Flag" in the
- 6 middle. Nuon Chea said the word "Red Flag". Of course, the word
- 7 -- the flag is in red colour, but the word used is still
- 8 "Revolutionary Flag".
- 9 [09.24.39]
- 10 Now I move to number 7. The term "internal party publication"
- 11 always appeared on the top right corner and clearly indicated the
- 12 source and author of the magazine, that is, it is the official
- 13 publication of the CPK itself as well as the persons it was
- 14 distributed to, that is, the CPK members.
- 15 And number 8. The term "published monthly" always appeared under
- 16 "internal party publication" as shown on the screen. The
- 17 "Revolutionary Flag" was supposed to be published monthly.
- 18 Among the 24 publications in Annex 2, 15 are January issues
- 19 covering a single month, one is an ordinary issue coming through
- 20 successive month, and nine are special issues covering one or two
- 21 successive months.
- 22 [09.26.00]
- 23 Now I move on to number 9. It denotes the number of the issue,
- 24 the month and the year, as they would always mention on page 2
- 25 about the index.

- 1 Let me now look inside pages of the booklet, and that is number
- 2 10 on the screen. The titles and main text were systematically
- 3 typed. The typeface is consistent with the other "Revolutionary
- 4 Flag" publications. This is also in line with Nuon Chea's
- 5 testimony on 10 January 2012 that after April 1975 the
- 6 publications were not handwritten any more, but typed and printed
- 7 in a printing house.
- 8 Now we look at number 11, which is a hammer and sickle, which is
- 9 a symbol of Communism. And this could be found under the title of
- 10 each chapter in the publications.
- 11 [09.27.15]
- 12 Number 12. In each "Revolutionary Flag" there were typically a
- 13 few photographs of workers in fields, in factories or at work
- 14 sites, including one on the page before the last.
- 15 Then we move to number 13. The back page always contains a single
- 16 flag with a hammer and sickle and the name "Revolutionary Flag."
- 17 There is no circle around the "Revolutionary Flag". It is
- 18 opposite the youth magazines.
- 19 [09.28.11]
- 20 And I also to corroborate on number 2; that is the "Revolutionary
- 21 Youth" publications. There are 28 editions of the "Revolutionary
- 22 Youth" on the OCP document list. So what has been said by Khieu
- 23 Samphan's defence team is correct that there are 28 editions in
- 24 the case file and the first issue being dated August-September
- 25 1974 and the last one that we could find is dated November 1978.

- 1 Generally speaking, the external characteristics of the
- 2 "Revolutionary Youth" are very similar to the "Revolutionary
- 3 Flag," but I will show some particularities on a PowerPoint. This
- 4 document is D243/2.1.25, dated August 1976. Khmer ERN is
- 5 00064154, French ERN is 00593843, and the English ERN is
- 6 00539849.
- 7 Let me look at the internal characteristics of the "Revolutionary
- 8 Youth" publications. Since we could find those publications, that
- 9 is, from August 1974 to November 1978, the internal
- 10 characteristics never change over time.
- 11 [09.30.23]
- 12 Let me now look at the cover page. Number 1, two flags appeared
- on the cover of each of the 28 "Revolutionary Youth"
- 14 publications.
- 15 And number 1, the name "Revolutionary Male and Female Youth"
- 16 never change between 1974 and late 1978. It appears on cover
- 17 page, on second page, and on the back page.
- 18 Number 3, ordinary issues had a number and the special issues did
- 19 not.
- 20 And number 4; that is the month and the year of the publication.
- 21 On page 2, "Revolutionary Youth" publication always displayed,
- 22 once again, on the top left corner, the name of the publication.
- 23 Six, on the top right corner, the term "Organization of
- 24 Propaganda and Education of the Communist Party -- Communist
- 25 Kampuchea Youth Association" was used so that only members of the

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- 1 CPK Youth received the publication.
- 2 [09.32.12]
- 3 And similar -- last month, Mr. Long Norin admitted that he had
- 4 seen the "Revolutionary Youth" publication.
- 5 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 6 Please, the prosecutor, please pause a bit.
- 7 MS. SIMONNEAU-FORT:
- 8 (No interpretation)
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 Thank you. The prosecutor, please be seated because the -- we
- 11 would like to ask the court officer to check with the translation
- 12 to make sure that the translation is going through. Thank you.
- 13 (Short pause)
- 14 [09.35.40]
- 15 We can now resume.
- 16 The Prosecutor, you may now proceed.
- 17 MR. VENG HUOT:
- 18 Mr. President, I would like to check with you whether I should
- 19 start once again on the "Revolutionary Youth" publication or I
- 20 should start from any particular point.
- 21 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 22 Yes, you may start from the "Revolutionary Youth" publication
- 23 because there was no translation for French channel so it would
- 24 be ideal if you could start from the "Revolutionary Youth"
- 25 publications.

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- 1 MR. VENG HUOT:
- 2 Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to start it again.
- 3 [09.36.42]
- About the "Revolutionary Youth" publications, there are 28 4
- 5 editions of the "Revolutionary Youth" on the Office of
- 6 Co-Prosecutor document list, the first issue being dated
- 7 August-September 1974, and the last one, in November 1978.
- The first part: cover page. Two flags appear on the cover of each 8
- 9 of the 28 "Revolutionary Youth" publications.
- 10 Two, the name "Revolutionary Male and Female Youth" never changed
- 11 between 1974 and late 1978. It appears on cover page, second
- 12 page, and back page.
- 13 Number 3, ordinary issues had a number. Special issues did not.
- 14 Four, as being displayed, these "Revolutionary Youth" publication
- 15 had the months and year.
- 16 Page 2 always displayed, once again, on the top left corner, the
- 17 name of the publication.
- 18 Six, on the top right corner, the term "Organization of
- 19 Propaganda and Education of the Communist Kampuchea Youth
- 20 Association" was used so that only members of the CPK Youth
- 21 received the publication.
- 22 And in connection to this, Mr. Long Norin informed the Chamber
- 23 that the "Youth" -- "Revolutionary Youth" publication, he had
- 24 seen it so far.
- 25 [09.38.48]

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- 1 Seven, similarly to the "Revolutionary Flag," the "Revolutionary
- 2 Youth" was published monthly, but 22 editions covered one month,
- 3 while six others covered a two-month period.
- 4 Eight, the number and months of publication was reproduced on the
- 5 second page.
- 6 Nine, the index was always framed.
- 7 And inside the pages of the booklet and the back page ten --
- 8 similarly to the "Revolutionary Flag," there was a
- 9 hammer-and-sickle, a symbol of communism. They were displayed
- 10 under each chapter title.
- 11 Eleven, "Revolutionary Youth" always ended with a nationalist
- 12 poem which celebrated either the glorious party, the youth, rice
- 13 production and scorned various categories of enemies.
- 14 Twelve, five photos of workers or peasants at work were typically
- 15 displayed in each "Revolutionary Youth".
- 16 Thirteen, the back page was different to that of the
- 17 "Revolutionary Flag" publication. As I mentioned, in the
- 18 "Revolutionary Flag", there was no frame, but in this
- 19 "Revolutionary Youth Flag", there was two frame covering the
- 20 "Female Youth" "Female and Male Youth". And it showed a symbol
- 21 of a hammer-and-sickle in the double circle in the name of
- 22 "Revolutionary Youth", inside.
- 23 [09.41.16]
- 24 And similarly to the "Revolutionary Flag," the "Revolutionary
- 25 Youth" contained identical and consistent internal

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- 1 characteristics throughout the DK regime, and the purpose was
- 2 clearly the education and indoctrination of the youth members of
- 3 the Party.
- 4 The topics discussed in both "Revolutionary Flag" and the
- 5 "Revolutionary Youth" publications are known CPK discipline,
- 6 strategic policy lines, economic production, security and
- 7 military activities.
- 8 The "Revolutionary Youth" publications generally focused on
- 9 simpler topics such as the agricultural production, the strength
- 10 and happiness of the youth party members, and the discipline. The
- 11 poems and slogans were clearly aimed at luring the youth.
- 12 Next, I would like to present some of the distinctive expressions
- 13 used throughout the "Revolutionary Flag" and "Youth" publication
- 14 associated with the CPK policies and obsessions such as the
- 15 classes, the enemies, the rice production, the discipline, or the
- 16 collectivization.
- 17 [09.42.56]
- 18 The expressions commonly spotted in these publications are
- 19 "imperialist", "feudalist", "capitalist", "class struggle",
- 20 "smash" or "eradicate enemies", "great leap forward", "eliminate
- 21 private property", "CIA spies", "criticism" and "self-criticism",
- 22 "three tons of rice per hectare", "all contemptible traitors".
- 23 [09.43.46]
- 24 Mr. President, now I would like to hand over to my colleague to
- 25 talk about external characteristics of those two publications.

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- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 Thank you. Yes, the International Co-Prosecutor, you may now
- 3 proceed.
- MR. DE WILDE D'ESTMAEL: 4
- 5 Thank you. I'll try not to take up too much of everybody's time,
- 6 but please be forbearing given that we had one or two technical
- 7 problems. Let's come back, now, to the characteristics of these
- two publications. 8
- 9 [09.44.32]
- Before the Co-Investigating Judges and witness TCW-338, the --10
- both publications were published by the Propaganda Ministry using 11
- different printing offices which included K-25, K-26, and K-27. 12
- 13 TCW-338 successively worked in those three offices and stated as
- follows -- and I quote: "In K-25, the work involved printing 14
- 'Revolutionary Flag' and 'Revolutionary Youth'. K-26 printed 15
- 16 newspapers while K-27 printed magazines." That's testimony
- 17 D201/10. Witness P-65 confirmed this, and that is also D234/7.
- 18 Other witnesses have also been heard; they provided details about
- 19 the existence and contents and dissemination of the magazines to
- 20 the cadres of the Party and the young members of the Party.
- 21 I would quote the following witnesses that we will be hearing in
- 22 trial -- this trial, TCW-797, testimony to D232/61, witness TCW
- 23 -- in testimony 369/6, TCW-110 and testimony D123/3, and
- testimony D107/3 and TCW-487, testimony D369/7. 24
- 25 [09.46.56]

- 1 The statement of the accused Nuon Chea, since the start of these
- 2 hearings, confirms the existence of a review called
- 3 "Revolutionary Flag" published from the Geneva Accords to the
- 4 termination of the regime, even if he says that the magazine may
- 5 have changed name and cover at a later stage. When he was asked
- 6 about the contents of different copies of the review by Judge
- 7 Cartwright, he did not make any objection or require to see the
- 8 originals. He only did that when the Co-Prosecutors began their
- 9 questioning.
- 10 [09.47.42]
- 11 The accused Nuon Chea stated on the 15th of December 2011 that it
- 12 was the Standing Committee that looked after the publication of
- 13 "Revolutionary Flag" and, in particular, the Party Secretary and
- 14 myself. "We drafted the contents of the review." It is true that
- 15 thanks to the archives in the possession of DC-Cam that the
- 16 prosecutors in the investigative phase were able to have access
- 17 to the documents. According to DC-Cam, all of these copies, apart
- 18 from four of the reviews, were taken from the Tuol Sleng archives
- in 1999; the others came from other sources.
- 20 Before the Investigating Judges, the DC-Cam staff identified two
- 21 numbers of the magazine IS 11.10 and IS 11.11. There was a
- 22 discussion on the circumstances of their discovery and he pointed
- 23 out that DC-Cam was in possession of the originals.
- 24 Furthermore, another witness, TCW-110, in testimony D123/3,
- 25 formerly identified copy number 7 of July 1977. The same witness

- 1 stated that "Revolutionary Flag" was, in fact, written by the
- 2 members of the Central Committee including Pol Pot, Nuon Chea,
- 3 and Ieng Sary. And this, in fact, echoes what Nuon Chea, himself,
- 4 said in the hearing.
- 5 [09.49.36]
- 6 It is also worth pointing out that six copies of "Revolutionary
- 7 Flag" and two of "Revolutionary Youth" were considered admissible
- 8 by this Chamber in file number one and this interesting. Although
- 9 we know that the current defence teams did not participate in
- 10 Case Number 1, and the defence of Duch did not contest these
- 11 documents, it does not, nevertheless, mean that the Judges of
- 12 this Chamber have not very carefully studied the probative value
- 13 of these -- of these documents or looked into any that were quite
- 14 clearly not admissible.
- 15 As for the corroboration between these different publications,
- 16 I'll come back to that in one moment. But let me say that -- let
- 17 me refer to the summary of the different reviews mentioned by
- 18 Khieu Samphan's defence yesterday or position -- on the position
- 19 that the author should be heard in the course of the trial. We
- 20 are talking about the author who's pseudonym is P-037 in the list
- 21 of experts of the OCP and that list is E9/4.2. We believe that
- 22 all of the evidence that has been gathered in trial number one
- 23 could be used to corroborate the contents of those summaries.
- 24 [09.51.13]
- 25 Concerning the other publications of the CPK within this category

- 1 in Annex 2, let me very briefly say that there are 19 of them.
- 2 Most of those publications also have marks, signs, acronyms that
- 3 are common to publications of the Party at the time and very
- 4 often, as well, the hammer and sickle on the cover or within the
- 5 text itself.
- 6 The language that is used is also typical of the documents
- 7 published by the Party at the time and corresponds to the Party
- 8 ideology. The objectives pursued seem to us to be very clear when
- 9 you look at the documents. The aim is to disseminate policies and
- 10 statutes within the Party, explanations thereon or plans such as
- 11 the four-year plan. All areas being covered, the aim was to
- 12 secure unified control of the Party message by the Party.
- 13 Concerning the other publications, I will refer you to paragraphs
- 14 49 and 50 of our document E/158 in which there are other details
- 15 set out.
- 16 [09.52.41]
- 17 As to the directives of the Communist Party of Kampuchea, there
- 18 are eight documents under that category. There are two versions
- 19 of two different documents that have been taken up; it is
- 20 indicated that they either come from the Central Committee or
- 21 from Office 870 for the greater part.
- 22 Those directives concern the identification and elimination of
- 23 traitors that fight against enemies, "Yuon", and the obligation
- 24 to regularly report to the Party Centre.
- 25 Once again, the terminology that's used here and the consistency

- 1 of the contents leaves absolutely no doubt whatsoever about the
- 2 origin and reliability of these documents, some of which have
- 3 been authenticated by witnesses and, there again, I refer you to
- 4 paragraph 44 of our document E/158.
- 5 Two CPK directives were, in fact, accepted in Case Number 1.
- 6 [09.53.54]
- 7 My final comments will concern illustrations where you can see
- 8 corroboration concerning all of the documents of Annex 2. Indeed,
- 9 the contents of these documents is confirmed by other documents
- 10 and other sources and those latter sources talk about the same
- 11 events at the same time in history and the same individuals
- 12 involved in such a case. We believe that the reliability of these
- 13 sources, as a whole, which refer to the same event or the same
- 14 context, are mutually reinforcing and I'll give you three
- 15 examples of that.
- 16 First, an example concerning Annexes 2 and 3. There is a record
- 17 of a visit of the Standing Committee to the Northwest Zone from
- 18 the 20th to the 24th of August 1975. This is document IS 13.1 and
- 19 I'd like to compare that with a Party publication entitled --
- 20 it's a very long title "A Review of the Mastering Implementation
- 21 of the Political Line of the Reconstruction of the Economy and
- 22 the Building Up of the Country in All Spheres". That document is
- 23 dated September 1975. It's D366/7.1.157.
- 24 [09.55.32]
- 25 In its report on that visit to the Northwest in August 1975, the

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- 1 Standing Committee says the following:
- 2 "We don't have enough manpower. We need to add production forces;
- 3 even if you add 300,000 or 400,000, it's not going to be enough.
- 4 At the moment, our forces include 1 million people, but we have
- 5 not yet achieved 50 percent of our objectives; we need another
- 6 400 or 500,000."
- 7 In the Party document I quoted of September '75; in other words,
- 8 a month after the visit of the Standing Committee to the
- 9 Northwest Zone, you can see the same figures quoted by the
- 10 Standing Committee. And you can see to what extent those two
- 11 sources are complimentary.
- 12 [09.56.26]
- 13 In the document, it says the following:
- 14 "We have to distribute the population in accordance with
- 15 production needs and we have to make sure that this tallies with
- 16 requirements. We have to distribute people in a balanced way and
- 17 avoid there being too much emphasis on one side or the other. In
- 18 the Northwest Zone, there is a need to add 500,000 people to the
- 19 manpower there."
- 20 To find that quote, it's ERN in French 00543766; in English,
- 21 00523590; and in Khmer, 00072387 (sic).
- 22 You can see that these are the same facts emanating from
- 23 different sources over the same period and they are mutually
- 24 reinforcing in terms of the reliability of the documentary
- 25 materials.

- 1 Khieu Samphan's defence in its document E131/1/6.2 on the second
- 2 page points out that it was intending to submit the same document
- 3 dated from September '75 -- the same publication -- to the
- 4 Chamber in relation to the first witnesses.
- 5 [09.58.02]
- 6 The second example I'd like to quote is a CPK document entitled
- 7 "Decisions of the Central Committee on a Certain Number of
- 8 Problems", which has the reference E/312. It's IS 6.3 of the 30th
- 9 of March 1976. And in that document, E3/12 on the first page, it
- 10 says that it is necessary to select a model and achieve three
- 11 tonnes per hectare to achieve the great leap recommendation. And
- 12 this is a decision by the Central Committee for 1976.
- 13 Look at the 6th of June 1976 edition, which has D2-15.4 as its
- 14 reference. And in that publication, it says that the Red Flag of
- 15 Honour of 1976 was awarded by the Central Committee to three
- 16 districts, including the district of Tram Kak.
- 17 The name of the flag has changed slightly, but the principle is
- 18 entirely the same as the one that was described in the decision
- 19 of March 1976.
- 20 The accused Nuon Chea himself, on the 15th of December 2011
- 21 recognized the fact that this Red Flag of Honour was awarded to
- 22 those in the party who distinguished themselves by improving the
- 23 living standards of the population. And there were three
- 24 different sources, but the same revolutionary practice is being
- 25 described.

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- 1 [09.59.57]
- 2 Turning to E3/12, in this document, Central Committee decisions
- 3 include a certain number of commemorative days to commemorate
- 4 historical events such as the anniversary of the party or the
- 5 anniversary of the birth of the Revolutionary Army, the 10th of
- 6 January 1978, or the anniversary of the birth of the Democratic
- 7 Kampuchea Constitution, the 5th of January 1976.
- 8 All of those keys dates were corroborated by the Accused
- 9 themselves in their testimony, in their statements and in their
- 10 writings, indeed, in the recent book by Mr. Khieu Samphan, and in
- 11 a number of the publications of the "Revolutionary Flag" or the
- 12 "Revolutionary Youth".
- 13 In the same decision, E3/12, you have details under the title of
- 14 "Decisions by State Bodies" of the functions of Comrade Nuon in
- 15 the National Assemble, Comrade Hem, in other words, Khieu
- 16 Samphan, as President of the presidium, and Comrade Van, Ieng
- 17 Sary, as Deputy Prime Minister responsible for foreign affairs.
- 18 [10.01.19]
- 19 The contents of the decision are corroborated not only by the
- 20 Accused themselves, but by other contemporaneous publications by
- 21 the Kampuchea Communist Party.
- 22 There's a document in our Annex 3; it's the record of a meeting,
- 23 a document concerning the first Congress of the first Legislature
- 24 of the Representative Assembly of the People of Kampuchea, 11 to
- 25 13 April 1976. It's IS 13.13.

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- 1 This document, once again, details the roles of the Accused as
- 2 identified during the meeting of the 13th of March 1976 as well
- 3 as identifying other names of members of the government.
- 4 These documents are complementary and this, once again,
- 5 demonstrates that Nuon Chea, as President of the National
- 6 Assembly who was newly elected as the President as contained in
- 7 document IS 13.13, had drafted himself the press statement. That
- 8 media release was disseminated on the radio airwaves as well as
- 9 recorded in the Foreign Broadcast Information Service entitled
- 10 "Hu Nim Releases a Communiqué de Presse on behalf of the National
- 11 Assembly". This is in document D62.17, dated the 14th of April
- 12 1976.
- 13 [10.03.00]
- 14 Moreover, in relation to that statement made by the President of
- 15 the National Assembly for the People, the Standing Committee on
- 16 the 8th of March 1976 in document IS 13.7 and 13.8 makes mention
- 17 of some future activities. It also lays out strategies to
- 18 disseminate propaganda. You will see that all of these
- 19 publications, in fact, reinforce the reliability and authenticity
- 20 of some of the documents that have been put before you.
- 21 Mr. President, Your Honours, I wish to conclude by citing a third
- 22 example. In the second and third issues of the "Revolutionary
- 23 Flag" of 1976 -- this is document D362/1.3 (sic) entitled "To
- 24 Apply the Strategic Political Line and the New Strategic Line of
- 25 the Party" -- this document lays out the statutes of the CPK. The

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- 1 statutes are caught or classified under D366/7.1 (sic).
- 2 [10.04.40]
- 3 Under the first heading in paragraph 3 of the statutes, there is
- 4 a text that is lifted, verbatim, word-for-word, the issue of the
- 5 "Revolutionary Flag" that I have just identified to you and that
- 6 was destined to all members of the party.
- 7 Now based on those two documents, if these could not be reliable,
- 8 then obviously they wouldn't be referring to each other. It would
- 9 be illogical. In the CPK statutes, the "Revolutionary Flag" was,
- 10 indeed, the official publication of the party and was of the
- 11 exclusive purview of members of the party. It would be erroneous
- 12 to think that these documents do not contain sufficient indicia
- 13 of reliability.
- 14 [10.05.36]
- 15 As regards this category of documents in Annex 2, it is
- 16 abundantly clear that all of these documents contain the
- 17 appropriate threshold of indicia of reliability and that they
- 18 should be admissible before your Chamber. These documents cannot
- 19 be assessed separately or individually, but they must be compared
- 20 and corroborated by complementary testimony and documents.
- 21 Obviously, the probative value to be accorded to these documents
- 22 will be determined by Your Honours following discussion and once
- 23 the testimony of civil party's experts and witnesses will have
- 24 been heard.
- 25 I thank you, Your Honours.

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- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 Thank you, Co-Prosecutor.
- 3 [10.06.35]
- We now hand over to the representative of the Lead Co-Lawyers as 4
- 5 requested yesterday -- that is, counsel Ven Pov -- to present
- 6 your arguments to the arguments raised by the defence teams. You
- 7 have 15 minutes to present your arguments. You may proceed.
- MR. VEN POV: 8
- 9 Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours. Good
- morning to the Prosecution, venerable monks, and everyone in and 10
- 11 around the courtroom.
- On behalf of the Lead Co-Lawyers, I fully support the arguments 12
- 13 raised by the Prosecution. However, I have some observations to
- 14 make regarding the publications and directive by the CPK as in
- 15 Annex 2.
- 16 For the publications of the CPK, as we all know, the
- "Revolutionary Flag" as well as the "Revolutionary Youth" 17
- 18 magazines, as they were made and published prior to 1975 and
- 19 during the temporal jurisdiction until 1978 as stated by the
- 20 Prosecution, those CPK publications are official and important
- 21 regarding the statements of the policies and guidelines and the
- 22 activities of the parties, the military movements, the production
- 23 activities, including some photographs in the two magazines as
- 24 stated by the Prosecution, that is, photos of farmers, etc.
- 25 [10.08.56]

- 1 And the content of the two publications also mentions about the
- 2 national defence, about strengthening the parties, etc.
- 3 Also contained in the two publications are information and
- 4 messages for the cadres at all levels during the DK period.
- 5 These documents were distributed to all level of cadres at
- 6 cooperatives or the districts and sub-districts committees. They
- 7 were aware of these publications. In fact, during the hearing on
- 8 the 10th of January last week, even Nuon Chea himself
- 9 acknowledged and confirmed that the CPK did publish the
- 10 "Revolutionary Flag" magazine since 1975, and that is in document
- 11 E1/24.1. ERN in Khmer is 00766622, 766605 in English.
- 12 [10.10.22]
- 13 Nuon Chea himself also confirms they were published after the 17
- 14 April victory after they could find those people capable of
- 15 printing these publications. The ERN in Khmer is 00766626, in
- 16 English 00766611, and in French 00767495.
- 17 So the publications of the two magazines were, indeed, made and
- 18 published during the period and they were authentic and reliable
- 19 and they are, of course, relevant. And the source of the
- 20 magazines is clear and the articles in the publications are
- 21 relevant, indeed, to the content of the Closing Order.
- 22 Regarding various directives issued by the CPK as listed in the
- 23 annex are the written instructions issued by the offices --
- 24 various offices as well as Office 870 of the CPK operators that
- 25 would refer to the Standing and the Central Committees, and they

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- 1 had the effects to be implemented throughout the country during
- 2 the DK period.
- These directives also have the effect of enforcement for all the 3
- lower levels that they had to strictly abide by these 4
- 5 instructions.
- 6 [10.12.13]
- 7 We are of the view that the directives by the CPK has the
- probative value, reliable and relevant, and they have a clear 8
- 9 source.
- 10 I would also like to respond to one of the many points as raised
- 11 repeatedly by the defence teams regarding the authenticity of
- documents, the origin of documents shall be examined. 12
- 13 Generally speaking, there is no measure or rule to accept a copy
- 14 of the original document unless it is proven that it was copied
- 15 from an unverified source or fabricated source. In our previous
- 16 practices, in particular in dealing with a copy of the document
- 17 and in various other tribunals -- international tribunals, they
- 18 accept the copies of the documents in similar cases to what we
- 19 are facing today.
- 20 I am grateful, Your Honour.
- 21 (Short pause)
- 22 [10.14.16]
- 23 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 24 Lead co-lawyer, you may proceed.
- 25 MR. PICH ANG:

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- 1 Mr. President, I'd like to inform the Chamber that I found a
- 2 piece of information on the UNESCO website, which is a cover page
- 3 of the Revolutionary Flag, and it is in colour. And I seek your
- permission to present this information. 4
- 5 MR. PRESIDENT:
- In fact, the Chamber gave the opportunities and time to all the 6
- 7 parties and you should use your -- have used your time to find
- all your grounds for your arguments so that the Chamber can be 8
- 9 fully informed of all the supporting arguments that you have
- found, and that is a typical approach for all the opposing 10
- parties. And only now it's that you ask the Chamber regarding 11
- this piece of information. 12
- 13 (Judges deliberate)
- 14 [10.16.48]
- Khieu Samphan defence, do you have any other point you'd like to 15
- 16 raise? What has been raised by the Lead Co-Lawyer is not
- 17 necessary.
- MR. KONG SAM ONN: 18
- 19 Your Honour, in view of the Chamber that it is not necessary,
- 20 then I have nothing else to add.
- 21 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 22 We just heard the arguments raised by the Lead Co-Lawyer
- 23 representatives regarding document A2. We will then continue to
- 24 hear the objections on other documents, and we shall inform all
- 25 parties regarding the scheduling and time allocation either

- 1 through verbal -- verbal communication or through memorandum.
- 2 [10.18.07]
- 3 The time is now appropriate for a break. We shall have a
- 4 20-minute break and we then resume.
- 5 (Court recesses from 1018H to 1048H)
- 6 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 7 Please be seated. The Court is now back in session.
- 8 Before we proceed to the objections by the three defence teams on
- 9 the Annex 3, the Chamber wishes to respond to the request by Nuon
- 10 Chea defence team regarding the email sent by the senior legal
- 11 officer indicating the intention of the Chamber to hear witness
- 12 from the Documentation Centre of Cambodia.
- 13 The Chamber wishes to advise the defence team for Nuon Chea and
- 14 other parties, as well as the member of public, that due to the
- 15 issue at hand and with the request from the defence teams and
- 16 parties, the Chamber will summon witness TCW-766 to testify
- 17 before the Chamber on Monday, the 23rd of January 2012.
- 18 [10.50.17]
- 19 And the purpose of hearing this witness is to hear the testimony
- 20 of the various document received from the Documentation Centre of
- 21 Cambodia which the party have objected over the past few days.
- 22 The hearing of testimony of TCW-766 will be questioned first by
- 23 the Chamber and then followed by the Co-Prosecutor, then the
- 24 civil party Lead Co-Lawyers and then the defence for Nuon Chea,
- 25 followed by the defence of Ieng Sary and, lastly, the defence for

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- 1 Khieu Samphan.
- 2 Yes, you may proceed.
- 3 [10.51.20]
- 4 MR. IANUZZI:
- 5 Thank you for that indication, Your Honour.
- 6 Perhaps, could we have a further indication as to if and when the
- 7 Chamber plans to rule on our request to hear Mr. Youk Chhang?
- 8 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 9 The Chamber wishes to advise that since the witness TCW-766 is
- 10 one of the senior management officer of the Documentation Centre
- 11 of Cambodia, then this witness is also conducive to revealing any
- 12 information concerning that. And as for the summoning of the
- 13 Director of the Documentation Centre of Cambodia, the Chamber is
- 14 going to do that at an appropriate time following the hearing of
- 15 TCW-766.
- 16 [10.52.36]
- 17 You may now -- you may proceed, Lead Co-Lawyer.
- 18 MS. SIMONNEAU-FORT:
- 19 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 20 I simply wanted to point out to the Chamber that Philippine Sutz
- 21 will be taking the floor for the civil parties on the subject of
- 22 Annex 3. Thank you.
- 23 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 24 The request is granted.
- 25 Thank you for the delegation to the representative of the civil

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- 1 party lawyers.
- 2 [10.53.25]
- 3 Now we will continue the hearing of the objection of the defence
- 4 teams on the document listed in Annex 3. We will listen to the
- 5 objection to Annex 3 and 4 together if possible, but first we
- 6 will begin with the objection in the document listed in annex A3
- 7 first.
- 8 The two -- the three defence team have one hour to make their
- 9 oral objection and the defence teams may wish to allocate time
- 10 among themselves within one hour allotted. Unless a contrary
- 11 agreement was reached, then each defence team has 20 minutes for
- 12 their oral argument.
- 13 [10.54.28]
- 14 The Chamber now hand over the floor to Nuon Chea defence team if
- 15 there is an objection to a document listed in Annex 3. You may
- 16 proceed.
- 17 MR. SON ARUN:
- 18 Good morning, Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours.
- 19 After listening to the debate on Annexes 1 and 2, in Annex 3 I
- 20 have some observation which I would like to display on the
- 21 screen. Following listening to the debate and after reviewing
- 22 Annex 3 in Khmer, we observe that all the documents in Khmer
- 23 language were -- had some annotations on those pieces or items of
- 24 evidence and those annotations were in -- sometimes in French, in
- 25 English, or in Vietnamese.

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- 1 [10.55.51]
- 2 In additions, there were some reduction or addition to that
- 3 document. These addition or reduction arouses the suspicion on
- 4 the veracity of such documents. That's why, as the Defence, we
- 5 will have to make sure that these writing was not made following
- 6 1979 or it was the original annotations with the original
- 7 document.
- 8 In addition, a number of documents were inferior in term of
- 9 qualities because certain document is completely illegible. In
- 10 order to resolve this matter, the Defence wishes to reiterate our
- 11 positions that we need to summons the person responsible at the
- 12 Documentation Centre of Cambodia to clarify the annotation made
- 13 on those documents and those peoples should be in the position to
- 14 provide the original document to ascertain the authenticities of
- 15 those documents. Once again, we reiterate our position of
- 16 objection to the documentation retrieved from the Documentation
- 17 Centre of Cambodia submitted by the Prosecution.
- 18 [10.57.24]
- 19 We are of the opinion that summoning the management of DC-Cam
- 20 does not cause any inconvenience for them and there is no reason
- 21 why they cannot appear before the Court. And yesterday, he
- 22 responded to the Phnom Penh Post report that he was ready and he
- 23 would abide by the direction of this Chamber.
- 24 [10.58.10]
- 25 Then I would like to enumerate documents which I can hardly

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- 1 comprehend. Document IS 13.4, 13.5, document 13.6, they are all
- 2 illegible, and I would like to ask -- would like to seek your
- 3 permission to display them on the screen, document 13.6, so that
- 4 the Chamber can view it.
- 5 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 6 Your request is granted.
- 7 [10.59.16]
- 8 MR. SON ARUN:
- 9 As can be seen, Your Honours, the written annotation is merely in
- 10 French and illegible, and we do not know who made that
- 11 annotation. It is in the red circle.
- 12 Also, there are other documents: D251/1, IS 13.8, D248/6.1.1,
- 13 D13.10, IS 13.11, D248/6.1.3, IS 13.20, IS 13.21, IS 13.23, and
- 14 D248/6.1.18. And I seek your permission to project this document.
- 15 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 16 Which document?
- 17 MR. SON ARUN:
- 18 It's D248/6.1.18, Your Honours.
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 Yes, you are allowed.
- 21 [11.01.35]
- 22 MR. SON ARUN:
- 23 The two documents that have been projected on the screen and as
- 24 can be seen by Your Honours, they are illegible and the meaning
- 25 cannot be verified. There also other four documents, that is, IS

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- 1 13.34, IS 13.39, IS 13.41 and D366/7.1.340.
- 2 Your Honours, due to the time limitation, I'd like only to show
- 3 the two documents on the screens which are illegible and I
- 4 submit, Your Honours, that my client, Nuon Chea, still insists
- 5 for the original copies of the documents so that he is in a
- 6 position to compare those original to the copies that we use in
- 7 the Court so that we can authenticate the documents.
- 8 I am grateful, Your Honour.
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 Thank you, Defence Counsel.
- 11 MR. PESTMAN:
- 12 Just to be absolutely clear, my colleague, Arun Son, he only
- 13 showed two documents which he explained contain paragraph
- 14 extracts that are illegible as examples. All the documents listed
- 15 by him, all the numbers given are referring to documents he could
- 16 not read.
- 17 I'll be very brief. As you know, we have objected to documents
- 18 coming from DC-Cam. We have taken the position, and we do that
- 19 again, that those documents are inadmissible as long as we have
- 20 not been able -- not been allowed to question Youk Chhang, the
- 21 Director of DC-Cam. That position applies to all documents which
- 22 will be presented to Court in whatever category.
- 23 [11.04.39]
- 24 One of the problems we encountered -- and I have a request. One
- 25 of the problems we encounter is that we cannot reconstruct -- we

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- 1 cannot make a list of documents which come from DC-Cam. We cannot
- 2 make a comprehensive list of documents which were provided by
- 3 DC-Cam to either the prosecutor or the Office of the
- 4 Investigating Judges.
- 5 [11.05.11]
- 6 For us, it's very difficult to question the management of DC-Cam,
- 7 any witness coming from DC-Cam, if we do not exactly know which
- 8 documents they provided to either the prosecutor or the
- 9 Investigating Judges.
- 10 We have gone through the filings and we have read, of course, the
- 11 latest filing where they give indicia of reliability of the
- 12 various documents and they have tried to reconstruct a list but,
- 13 as I said, it is not complete. They did not give information on
- 14 all the documents, on the provenance of all the documents that
- 15 they intend to put before the Chamber.
- 16 So our request to you is, to this Trial Chamber, to order the
- 17 prosecutor to make a list or to add to the list they've already
- 18 provided a special column, another category indicating whether
- 19 that document comes from DC-Cam or not. Otherwise, there's not
- 20 much point hearing witness number 766 on Monday.
- 21 One other point I would like to make, I've gone through the list
- of witnesses, which is number E109/4.3, and I've compared it to
- 23 the original list that was provided much earlier in April of last
- 24 year -- not a list of witnesses, but the list of documents. And I
- 25 noted that the original list of documents, which has been

- 1 labelled A3, is almost identical to the list relevant for this
- 2 mini trial, according to the prosecutor. And it raises the
- 3 question whether all these documents the prosecutor would like
- 4 you to admit are equally relevant.
- 5 [11.07.12]
- 6 I've gone through the list, the more recent list given to us by
- 7 the prosecutor, and I've read the justification given by the
- 8 prosecutor for tendering those documents and I looked for
- 9 references to either the evacuation of Phnom Penh, the evacuation
- 10 of other cities in the pre-1975 period or to the movement of
- 11 people covered by Phase 2 in the mini indictment, the movement of
- 12 people in '75, '76 from the north -- or the south to the north.
- 13 [11.07.51]
- 14 And I can only -- and I only found three documents which,
- 15 according to the prosecutor, are relevant to those facts, and
- 16 those are the ones numbered 46. Excuse me, there's only two
- 17 documents which are relevant, number 46 and number 1 on the
- 18 latest list with number E109/4.3. Only two documents mention
- 19 either the evacuation of the city or the movement of the people.
- 20 Other documents are basically irrelevant for the first mini
- 21 trial.
- 22 There are some documents which could be relevant for the
- 23 hierarchy, the structure of the Communist Party. Number 2 could
- 24 be relevant because it describes -- gives the tasks, the various
- 25 responsibilities to the members of the Standing Committee. And

- 1 there's another document which describe -- describes the
- 2 responsibilities of the various Ministries also vis-à-vis the
- 3 Standing Committee, which is interesting because it describes the
- 4 relationship, the hierarchy between the Standing Committee and
- 5 the Ministries. That's number 19.
- 6 Those are the only documents which I find I could understand to
- 7 be relevant to the first mini trial. The rest is irrelevant,
- 8 according to me.
- 9 [11.09.17]
- 10 And I reiterate, I would like to stress that all documents are
- 11 relatively recent. The most recent -- the oldest documents
- 12 provided in the list was dated August 1975, and that is more than
- 13 four months after the liberation of Phnom Penh, the period we are
- 14 actually supposed to discuss during this first mini trial.
- 15 The other documents are very interesting. They contain
- 16 information about the rice production, about foreign relations,
- 17 trade with China, the war with Vietnam, lots of information about
- 18 Vietnam, the fighting of enemies, internal/external, about S-21,
- 19 about work sites, etc., etc. All very interesting, but it's not
- 20 the topic of this first mini trial.
- 21 [11.10.13]
- 22 There is a risk, a serious risk that your Trial Chamber will be
- 23 flooded with information which is actually not very relevant,
- 24 that you will be forced to read -- not only us, but you will be
- 25 forced to read illegible documents which are not relevant for

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- 1 establishing the guilt of my client.
- 2 [11.10.32]
- 3 And I would like to invite Your Honours, the Trial Chamber, to
- 4 have a very close look not only at A3, but also at the other
- 5 documents contained in A1, 2, 4, 5, 6 up to 19, I think. Have a
- 6 very close look at those lists and look at the description given
- 7 by the prosecutor and the reasons why they want to tender those
- 8 documents and eliminate all those documents which, even according
- 9 to the prosecutor, are not relevant -- not relevant for this
- 10 first mini trial.
- 11 That's all I wanted to say and I donate the remaining time, if
- 12 there is any, to the Ieng Sary team.
- 13 Thank you.
- 14 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 15 Thank you, Defence Counsel.
- 16 Ieng Sary's defence, you now have the floor to present your
- 17 objections.
- 18 [11.11.35]
- 19 MR. KARNAVAS:
- 20 Good morning, Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours. And good
- 21 morning to everyone in and around the courtroom.
- 22 During the last presentation, I want to make an observation that
- 23 I would have made but for the Trial Chamber's notation to the
- 24 parties last week, and that is, if you may recall, about a week
- 25 ago I objected to the prosecutor giving evidence concerning the

- 1 FBIS report wherein the prosecutor began to testify that, in
- 2 this particular report, an entire speech by Pol Pot was
- 3 delivered. This was an unusual situation; they normally didn't do
- 4 this and so on and so forth, to which I objected on the grounds
- 5 that the gentleman was testifying.
- 6 And Your Honours, after deliberating, concluded that my objection
- 7 was noted and that observations made by the parties, that is,
- 8 testifying as the Prosecution was doing, was not evidence. You
- 9 being professional Judges -- now I'm reading into what I heard,
- 10 but you being professional Judges certainly can sift through what
- 11 is evidence and what is argument or commentary by the parties.
- 12 [11.13.00]
- 13 Now, I raise that because my remarks concerning the objections to
- 14 Annex 3 are the same as they have been for Annexes 1 and 2. Of
- 15 course, having listened to the prosecutor today -- well, and the
- 16 civil parties, both of them, they find that we are not specific
- 17 enough in our objections.
- 18 Well, first of all, we're talking about types of evidence; that's
- 19 number one. And it was my understanding that it was not our -- we
- 20 were not necessarily going to go through every single document
- 21 and where we have a group of documents such as here we have the
- 22 CPK minutes -- minutes of the meetings, we can lodge a global
- 23 objection, as we have.
- 24 [11.13.59]
- 25 What the Prosecution did today in order to demonstrate that -- at

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- 1 least with Annex 2, and I suggest that they will do the same
- 2 thing with Annex 3 -- is the following: they testified. They
- 3 provided what they believe is the foundation for these particular
- 4 documents to come in. They made what is known as an offer of
- 5 proof, but normally a witness would make that offer of proof.
- 6 Now, perhaps I'm mistaken. Perhaps, in the civil law system,
- 7 prosecutors are above -- so far above the defence lawyers that
- 8 they actually get to testify, and the judges rely on testimony
- 9 for the prosecution instead of or in lieu of witnesses. So, for
- 10 instance, where we cannot establish the credibility of a
- 11 particular piece of evidence, all we need to do is have the
- 12 prosecutor testify as to the validity.
- 13 [11.15.05]
- 14 I dare say that that is not my understanding of the civil law
- 15 system, but that's what happened here today and that's the
- 16 objection that we are -- that we raise, and that is, that is
- 17 simply not enough to say this document has this logo. It has five
- 18 flags; they're all red. There are certain similarities and,
- 19 therefore, we have established the authenticity of these
- 20 documents.
- 21 [11.15.35]
- 22 We submit, and we have submitted in our submissions, that the
- 23 practice that is generally used in the international tribunals,
- 24 but also in the domestic courts, is that you bring in a witness,
- 25 someone who would have studied these particular documents and

- 1 would be able to give evidence.
- 2 For example, you could bring in one of these so-called Cambodian
- 3 experts who over the years have spent a lot of time sifting
- 4 through documents, original documents, where they understand
- 5 Khmer. And they spend a lot of time -- and they would be able to
- 6 say, having spent so much time with these documents, we note that
- 7 there is a particular trend. And because of this trend that runs
- 8 through these documents, we can say with some degree of certainty
- 9 that, in all likelihood, it is an authentic document. That is the
- 10 way it's done.
- 11 [11.16.34]
- 12 It is not done, I submit, by way of a Prosecution pointing --
- 13 going through the document itself and saying, see, this document
- 14 is similar with this one and, therefore, they're identical.
- 15 That's called testifying, and it's impermissible. And that was
- 16 one of the reasons why, Your Honours, we had suggested that at
- 17 some point they either have to bring in the witnesses or they can
- 18 make an offer of proof that a witness will be coming.
- 19 [11.17.07]
- 20 Now, today we heard the one prosecutor, I believe it was the
- 21 International Co-Prosecutor, who indicated that you will be
- 22 hearing evidence from a witness who will say X, Y and Z. That's
- 23 precisely my point.
- 24 If, indeed, they have witnesses that will lay a foundation, then
- 25 they should notify the Trial Chamber and the parties, and if

- 1 those witnesses are not to appear in the immediate future, at
- 2 least we are on notice that the authenticity and somewhat
- 3 reliability of the document will be connected later on to other
- 4 testimony.
- 5 We also object to this notion that somehow something happened in
- 6 Duch. Well, during Duch, you may have had CPK minutes of
- 7 meetings. They may have been introduced.
- 8 We made our point yesterday we were not there, we did not make
- 9 objections. They had a different strategy, they had a different
- 10 theory.
- 11 [11.18.20]
- 12 But to assume that the Trial Chamber itself did an analysis to
- 13 show that the documents that it was relying on, subject to no
- 14 objection, were authentic and reliable, in other words, that you,
- 15 yourselves, during the deliberative process went through that,
- 16 that process of deciding what documents were or were not
- 17 authentic and reliable. Well, unless there's proof to that -- and
- 18 we would submit even if there was, in this particular case we are
- 19 entitled -- we are entitled to make our case and we are entitled
- 20 to expect the Prosecution to demonstrate the -- why documents
- 21 they want to rely on are authentic, reliable, and relevant.
- 22 [11.19.15]
- 23 We specifically filed a motion on adjudicated facts against the
- 24 application of adjudicated facts. You may recall that. I took the
- 25 pre-emptive -- we took the pre-emptive step of filing that motion

- 1 because of my experience in The Hague to suggest to the Trial
- 2 Chamber what was obviously known in the rules, that adjudicated
- 3 facts are not applicable in this case.
- 4 In other words, you cannot, as a Trial Chamber, say we made this
- 5 finding in Duch and, therefore, we're just going to adopt it
- 6 wholesale as if it's a proved fact and apply it in this
- 7 particular case unless it is rebutted by the other side.
- 8 If you may recall, in fact, because I took this pre-emptive step
- 9 and it wasn't in the rules, I was cautioned and, in fact, DSS was
- 10 instructed to look into whether we should not be paid for that
- 11 work that we had done.
- 12 [11.20.20]
- 13 But we did it for a particular purpose, and now we're seeing it.
- 14 We did it because we didn't want Your Honours to introduce
- 15 documents from the Duch Case on the basis that simply because
- 16 they were used in Duch.
- 17 Let me give you an example because this notion of international
- 18 standards and, in particular, of the Prlic Case has been throwing
- 19 up by the parties on the other side. In the Prlic Case, there
- 20 were some documents called the Presidential transcripts.
- 21 President Tudjman had a habit, like President Nixon, of tape
- 22 recording all the meetings that he had. These were known as the
- 23 Presidential transcripts. And while the recordings were not
- 24 available, the actual transcriptions were available and had been
- 25 introduced in previous cases, previous cases that were -- that

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- 1 facts that were connected to the Prlic Case.
- 2 [11.21.26]
- 3 Irrespective of the fact that they had been admitted in other
- 4 cases, the Trial Chamber was still required to make an analysis,
- 5 and it did so not on its own, but it did so because the Defence
- 6 insisted that the Prosecution establish the origin of the
- 7 presidential transcripts and the authenticity, the reliability
- 8 and the reliability and relevance did come into play. But
- 9 nonetheless, they needed to make a showing.
- 10 Now, what we saw today is a perfect example of how it should be
- 11 done, but through a witness. So, obviously, the Prosecution
- 12 knows. We submit -- and this is what I find somewhat, if I could
- 13 use this word, pernicious in this approach that the Prosecution
- 14 is taking.
- 15 [11.22.26]
- 16 Their idea is, especially now that the trial -- that the case has
- 17 been severed and the Prosecution is of the opinion that there
- 18 will not be a trial number 2 or number 3, their idea is to simply
- 19 say to you here are all the documents from the dossier, admit all
- 20 of them. Whether they are linked at this point or not is
- 21 irrelevant, whether they are tested by any witnesses, they're
- 22 irrelevant. We say they're relevant, we say they're authentic.
- 23 Admit all of them.
- 24 So then what happens is we don't have a trial with any viva voce
- 25 testimony, or very limited viva voce testimony, but rather, it

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- 1 becomes a trial by way of using documents that are untested. And
- 2 that's how I see this.
- 3 [11.23.18]
- 4 And I will speak more tomorrow when we wrap up our remarks
- 5 concerning how things are done at The Hague and, in particular,
- 6 in the Prlic Case because some innovative techniques were used,
- 7 but the onus was on the party who was proffering the evidence,
- 8 the documents, to always demonstrate that the evidence was
- 9 authentic and reliable.
- 10 It may be a low hurdle but, nonetheless, it is a hurdle, in and
- 11 of itself. And simply pointing out that it bears the mark of a
- 12 particular institution such as the United Nations or, for
- 13 instance, the European Union monitors or European Community
- 14 monitors -- so the EC monitors, for instance -- give you another
- 15 example, during the war in Bosnia Herzegovina we're on the
- 16 ground, EU monitors monitoring the situation, writing reports.
- 17 And the reports will be written at the ground level and would go
- 18 up to a certain -- various offices and then on to the
- 19 headquarters where they would be bundled up and summarized.
- 20 [11.24.24]
- 21 Simply because you had the logo that said European Community
- 22 Monitors, that, in and of itself, did not make the documents
- 23 authentic, reliable, let alone relevant. What the Prosecution had
- 24 to do, at the insistence of the Trial Chamber, was bring in at
- 25 least a custodian to demonstrate how were these documents

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- 1 prepared, by whom, what was the fashion in which they were
- 2 prepared, how had they been collected, where have they been
- 3 stored.
- 4 [11.24.57]
- 5 It is up to the parties, then, through the introduction of these
- 6 documents, to challenge whether the content in the documents are
- 7 reliable and relevant.
- 8 And so we are suggesting that simply because something says
- 9 DC-Cam doesn't mean anything. And I don't want to pre-judge any
- 10 evidence, but our position has been steadfastly consistent, and
- 11 that is some demonstration has to be made, the Prosecution has to
- 12 -- has to articulate with precision the exact documents it wishes
- 13 to have before the Trial Chamber and for what reasons. And in
- 14 doing so, they have to demonstrate that the documents are
- 15 authentic, reliable, and relevant.
- 16 They are not doing that. To simply suggest that something comes
- 17 from -- has a particular logo or certain phrases are in is not
- 18 enough. They need to bring a witness who might be able to point
- 19 that out, but for them to testify is totally unreasonable. And
- 20 with that in mind, having said that, Your Honour, I will go back
- 21 to my original refrain.
- 22 [11.26.10]
- 23 When it comes to CPK minutes of the meetings, our primary
- 24 objection is as follows; that unless they can demonstrate through
- 25 a witness, not by testifying -- not by testifying, through a

- 1 witness, how these documents were generated, by whom, under what
- 2 conditions, how they have been kept, something that would give
- 3 you, Your Honours, some confidence that these documents are what
- 4 they purport to be.
- 5 [11.26.42]
- 6 The substance of the documents is another matter because then,
- 7 obviously, once the document comes in, the parties are entitled
- 8 to challenge one way or the other the substance. And if they wish
- 9 to link it up, that's fine.
- 10 Now, if the Prosecution wishes to assist the Trial Chamber, as
- 11 they seem to wish to have done so yesterday and perhaps even
- 12 today -- but yesterday was a good example -- they can simply say,
- 13 "We believe that these documents are connected and here's -- here
- 14 are documents that are connected to -- for instance, document A
- 15 is connected to document B to document C so for you to look at it
- 16 and for the parties to look at it and to examine it".
- 17 But we submit -- we submit, as I said yesterday, you cannot give
- 18 us the haystack, the proverbial needle in the haystack. Give us
- 19 the needle.
- 20 We should not be expected to sift through all of these documents
- 21 to figure out where the Prosecution is going if, indeed, the
- 22 Prosecution has the burden of proof.
- 23 [11.27.49]
- 24 And finally, perhaps because we are here -- perhaps we are here,
- 25 Your Honours, because, through no fault of the Prosecution, but

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- 1 perhaps because they didn't foresee it and -- though they should
- 2 have. The procedure that we have adopted in this Court because
- 3 these are -- this is an Extraordinary Chamber and this is an
- 4 extraordinary case, is slightly different than what normally
- 5 would happen if we were in -- in the pure civil law French
- 6 system, either Cambodia or France, because here you have this
- 7 dossier -- and we agree that, you know, the dossier is the
- 8 universe of the facts upon which you can draw from, you know.
- 9 That's the universe of evidence, in a sense, unless some -- a
- 10 party demonstrates otherwise from documents outside. So everybody
- 11 has that.
- 12 [11.28.52]
- 13 But under the system that I understand it, the judges are
- 14 supposed to read the entire dossier and the judges are actually
- 15 leading the process whereas, here, we have taken a slight
- 16 variation and that is asking the parties to identify what
- 17 documents they believe are necessary to prove or disprove the
- 18 case. That is based on the Closing Order.
- 19 [11.29.20]
- 20 And it might be because the Prosecution is no longer the captain
- 21 of its own ship because they have a case, in a sense, but their
- 22 case is not being presented in the fashion in which they wish to
- 23 present it because the Trial Chamber is dictating the order of
- 24 the witnesses. In an adversarial system or a party-driven system,
- 25 the parties are the captain of their own ship. They determine the

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- 1 course they wish to set, who the witnesses are, in which order,
- 2 what documents with each witness, and what have you.
- 3 So we are in somewhat of a slight different situation. I'm not
- 4 being critical of the Trial Chamber. It is what it is.
- 5 [11.30.10]
- 6 But be that as it may, we believe and we submit that in order to
- 7 avoid future objections, it is best for the Prosecution to
- 8 demonstrate through witnesses, not through their mouths, not by
- 9 testifying, why they believe certain types of evidence, whether
- 10 they be the Revolutionary Flag, CPK meetings, telegrams or what
- 11 have you, why they believe these documents are authentic.
- 12 [11.30.42]
- 13 The methodology, it's not difficult. They know their case. They
- 14 can identify those witnesses and I submit, Your Honours, they
- 15 could be of assistance to not just the Trial Chamber, but also to
- 16 the parties. And this may be something worth considering.
- 17 I thank you very, very much for your attention. And if there are
- 18 any questions, I'll be happy to answer. Otherwise, I'll sit down.
- 19 Thank you very much.
- 20 [11.31.16]
- 21 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 22 Khieu Samphan's defence, now you have the floor to present your
- 23 objections to document A3 in the annex.
- 24 MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 25 Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours. Good

- 1 morning, everyone.
- 2 Regarding Annex 3 of the OCP document, the Prosecution intends to
- 3 show some relevancy in those documents.
- 4 [11.32.30]
- 5 There are only 27 documents that have been attempted by the
- 6 Prosecution to show its -- to show their relevance. The rest of
- 7 the documents have been categorized into like minutes of the
- 8 meeting of the Standing Committee, minutes of the meeting of the
- 9 Government of Democratic Kampuchea, minutes meeting of the
- 10 Assembly, of the DK government, and, number 4, the minutes of the
- 11 meeting of -- on other occasions.
- 12 In general, in this annex our objections are the same as those
- 13 for annex A2. What has been stated by the Prosecution fails to
- 14 prove the consistencies in the chains of custody or the
- 15 authenticity and not the fabrication in any of those documents.
- 16 [11.34.04]
- 17 This does leads to doubt and, for that reason, we urge for the
- 18 examination of those people who delivered the documents.
- 19 I'd like to touch upon the minute of the meeting of the Standing
- 20 Committee. The minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee
- 21 mostly were found in the same circumstances where the decisions
- 22 dated 30 March 1976 was found, that is, document D279/2 -- slash
- 23 7, rather, point 2. And I already mentioned this document
- 24 yesterday regarding the doubt or the unverifiable sources of how
- 25 the document was obtained.

- 1 [11.35.35]
- 2 Secondly, regarding the minutes of meeting of the DK government,
- 3 we have two documents in this category. They are the minutes of
- 4 the meeting between the foreign delegation and the -- that is,
- 5 the Chinese delegation with the Cambodian delegation.
- 6 What has been illustrated by the Prosecution regarding these two
- 7 documents indicating the reliability is that, in the first
- 8 document, the Prosecution indicated that it was obtained from the
- 9 Prime Minister Hun Sen, who gave it to DC-Cam, and that was in
- 10 1995.
- 11 So the relevancy here is that only when Hun Sen gave the document
- 12 to the DC-Cam it would make the document reliable. Is that the
- 13 case?
- 14 What we really want to know is that back in 1995 how the Prime
- 15 Minister Hun Sen received that document and from whom and how.
- 16 This is in order to verify whether it was an original copy or it
- 17 was a copy of the original copy so that we can test its
- 18 reliability.
- 19 [11.37.56]
- 20 The Prosecution also stated that the content of that document was
- 21 verified by a witness, that is, witness TCW-583, before the
- 22 Co-Investigating Judges. That limit of information cannot be
- 23 assessed as the document is authentic or reliable.
- 24 The person who handed the document needs to be questioned as to
- 25 how he received the document and when, and under what

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- 1 circumstances.
- 2 For the second document, the Prosecution confirmed that it was
- 3 collected from DC-Cam and DC-Cam received from the Tuol Sleng
- archives in 2002. They also provided another piece of 4
- 5 information. I correct, the Prosecution did not provide any
- 6 further information regarding how the document was maintained
- 7 before it was in the hand of DC-Cam.
- 8 [11.40.06]
- 9 I apologize, Your Honour. Let me correct. It was not sure how the
- 10 document was maintained before the Tuol Sleng archives received
- 11 it, for example, how the document was found, by whom and how was
- it delivered to the National Archives. 12
- 13 These pieces of information could link and prove the source and
- 14 the reliability of that document.
- 15 The third category of document: the minutes of the meeting of the
- 16 People's Representative Assembly of the Democratic Kampuchea.
- 17 The Co-Prosecutor asserts that one of the documents that can be
- 18 constituted the People's Representative Assembly meeting minutes
- 19 is due to the fact that that document contains the specific
- 20 words, "American imperialist", and these mere American
- 21 imperialists were taken as an example that the prosecutor would
- 22 have Your Honour believe that this document is the meeting
- 23 minutes of the People's Representative Assembly and this will
- 24 serve the ideology of the Democratic Kampuchea.
- 25 [11.42.09]

- 1 As a matter of fact, the word "American imperialist" was a
- 2 general word that has been widely used even before 1970, so by a
- 3 mere use of words "American imperialist" was not by any way
- 4 sufficient to say that that was the thing used in the Democratic
- 5 Kampuchea.
- 6 In addition, there are two more documents in this category of
- 7 documents which the Prosecution have asserted. According to the
- 8 prosecutors, one of the documents, a person, TCE-38, gave it to
- 9 the Documentation Centre of Cambodia in 1996.
- 10 The legitimate question arises here. We do not know the person
- 11 named TCW-38 (sic) received this document. We did not know how he
- 12 gathered this document in the first place and by whom he received
- 13 the document from.
- 14 [11.44.06]
- 15 In addition, there were contradictory information regarding the
- 16 provenance of the documents. There were other documents that did
- 17 not corroborate with those documents submitted by the
- 18 Prosecution.
- 19 Finally, Your Honours, I think the indicia of reliability
- 20 presented by the Prosecution vis-à-vis the document they
- 21 proffered are not reliable. Once again, I insist that the Chamber
- 22 examines the indicia of reliability precisely. And there is means
- 23 to do this objectively, that is, to summon the person who keeps
- 24 the custody of the documents so that there is an opportunity for
- 25 parties to cross-examine with such witness to establish the

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- 1 reliabilities and authenticity of those documents.
- 2 Thank you, Your Honours.
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Thank you, Counsel.
- 5 It is now time to take lunch adjournment. We will adjourn until
- 6 1.30, so the Chamber will resume at 1.30.
- 7 The security guards are instructed to bring Mr. Khieu Samphan to
- 8 the holding cell downstairs, and please bring him to this
- 9 courtroom by 1.30. Thank you.
- 10 (Court recesses from 1146H to 1335H)
- 11 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 12 The Court is now back in session.
- 13 Before the break, this morning, we heard the objections by the
- 14 three defence teams on Annex 3. For that reason, the floor is now
- 15 open for the Prosecution -- the Lead Co-Lawyers to present their
- 16 arguments to those objections.
- 17 Before I hand over to the Prosecution, I'd like to inquire with
- 18 the Co-Prosecutors to make their observations regarding the
- 19 request by Nuon Chea's defence that the Prosecution shall provide
- 20 the identification of all documents received from DC-Cam so that
- 21 it would assist them in their debates and in their questioning of
- 22 the witness, who is a representative of the DC-Cam management who
- 23 will be summoned early next week.
- 24 [13.38.25]
- 25 If you have any observations to make, the Prosecution may take

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- 1 the floor.
- 2 MR. DE WILDE D'ESTMAEL:
- 3 On that preliminary matter, Mr. President, at first sight it
- seems that we have the elements that make it possible for us to 4
- 5 say which documents come from DC-Cam. You would have seen in our
- 6 document E/158 that each time we have information on papers that
- 7 have been commented on in that document, we have provided them.
- To make a table of all of that information would take a certain 8
- 9 amount of time, and we're not sure that we'll be able to do this
- 10 by Monday's hearing. Thank you, Mr. President.
- 11 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 12 Thank you, Prosecutor.
- 13 [13.39.50]
- 14 The Chamber will now make some observations regarding the request
- 15 by the defence team of Nuon Chea this morning.
- 16 The Chamber is of the opinion that there should be no issues
- 17 regarding the statement made by the Prosecution this morning,
- 18 concerning Rule 87.3, that the Chamber will hear the testimony of
- 19 any witness or expert and we will also examine other evidentiary
- 20 material before coming to a final conclusion.
- 21 And in order to clarify the matter further, I'd like to hand the
- 22 floor to Judge Claudia Fenz, in English.
- 23 JUDGE FENZ:
- 24 I believe there was a problem in the English translation.
- 25 This actually pertains to a request from defence of Ieng Sary,

- 1 and I think it was abundantly clear the Chamber doesn't take
- 2 issue with the way the Prosecution presented its arguments, and
- 3 it will decide when or if it takes it up on its offers of proof.
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 Thank you.
- 6 [13.41.30]
- 7 Another matter that the Chamber would like to inquire from the
- 8 parties regarding Case 002, in particular in the questioning time
- 9 to two witnesses, TCW-766 and TCW-542. The Chamber does not need
- 10 to get the confirmation of time at this stage, but we would
- 11 insist to have your confirmation by tomorrow so that we can take
- 12 that into account in our scheduling for the trial.
- 13 I notice the defence team is on his feet. You may proceed.
- 14 MR. PESTMAN:
- 15 Thank you very much.
- 16 [13.42.57]
- 17 We will be more than happy to provide you of an estimate of the
- 18 time we think we need to question the DC-Cam witness.
- 19 Has he been invited for one day or is -- have more days been
- 20 reserved to hear this particular witness? Can you give me any
- 21 indication?
- 22 (Judges deliberate)
- 23 [13.44.49]
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 There are two issues at hand.

- 1 First, in the hearing of the testimony of the witness that will
- 2 be summoned from the DC-Cam, the questioning will be in a general
- 3 context regarding the general operation of DC-Cam. It is not a
- 4 detailed proceeding of questioning the person on each piece of
- 5 document.
- 6 Secondly, the Chamber wishes to know the estimated time by each
- 7 party that they wish to take in questioning these two witnesses,
- 8 that is TCW-766 and TCW-542.
- 9 After we have all the information at hand, we will issue our
- 10 decision in due course and to allocate appropriate time for
- 11 parties for questioning these two witnesses.
- 12 I believe the matter is now clear, so it is not proper when we
- 13 put a question to parties and then you question us back.
- 14 You can make your preliminary estimation of time you need to
- 15 question. We will gather all the information and the time that
- 16 you request and then we would schedule it accordingly so that the
- 17 trial is expeditious.
- 18 [13.46.52]
- 19 We now hand the floor to the Prosecution. You have 45 minutes to
- 20 present your arguments in response to the objections raised by
- 21 the three defence teams regarding the A3 annex.
- 22 MR. DE WILDE D'ESTMAEL:
- 23 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 24 [13.47.25]
- 25 Distinguished Judges, after the statements made by the Defence

- 1 this morning, I think it is wise to come back to the legal
- 2 criteria that pertain to this Chamber. There are minimum
- 3 standards of relevance and reliability according to your past
- 4 jurisprudence and according to your first impression, do the
- 5 documents submitted to you seem to you to be relevant and
- 6 reliable, or are they plainly likely to be false or forged.
- 7 We believe that the chain of reliability and this establishment
- 8 is not one of your duties, contrary to what the Defence seems to
- 9 pre-suppose. For the thousands of documents before you, it is not
- 10 necessary for you to say who found it, who gave it to who, and in
- 11 what circumstances because it is on the basis of an internal and
- 12 external index of reliability that this works, and not only on
- 13 the basis of the chain of preservation.
- 14 [13.48.53[
- 15 You have to see in your view, therefore, if the documents in
- 16 Annex 3 seem to you to be reliable or pertinent.
- 17 I heard what your -- the members of this Chamber have said about
- 18 Rule 87.3, but I would like to answer what counsel Karnavas said
- 19 just now. He requests that the prosecutors submit the proof of
- 20 reliability and relevance and, at the same time, he reproaches us
- 21 for testifying on this subject. He wishes to reduce the
- 22 Prosecution to silence.
- 23 And what we have been doing since the start of this portion of
- 24 the hearing is not to testify, but to present our viewpoint on
- 25 evidence which exists already in the files and which is already

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- 1 in your possession. The Defence is entirely free to do the same
- 2 thing.
- 3 Can we be reproached for highlighting the internal and external
- 4 characters of each group or sub-group of documents? It's our role
- 5 to do so. It's not only that; it's also our duty.
- 6 [13.50.18]
- 7 Among the 58 documents in the Annex 3 category, 27 were commented
- 8 upon in our document E/158, and I will occasionally refer these
- 9 to the Chamber. If 31 sets of minutes are not count, covered by
- 10 these comments, it is because the comments themselves were
- 11 limited to the 978 documents under consideration by the
- 12 Co-Prosecutors as being connected with the eight first witnesses
- 13 and civil parties.
- 14 In this category of minutes of meetings, you will find 23 from
- 15 meetings of the Standing Committee, 26 from meetings of a
- 16 military nature, six from Democratic Kampuchea government
- 17 meetings, including two meetings of the Council of Ministers and
- 18 two internal Ministerial meetings.
- 19 You will also find three sets of minutes from meetings connected
- 20 with international trade, and there are also minutes of the
- 21 People's Assembly of Democratic Kampuchea, and on that latter
- 22 document I will refer to the example that I gave when I was
- 23 talking about Annex 2 this morning.
- 24 [13.51.50]
- 25 Turning to the Nuon Chea defence team, let me say that concerning

- 1 the fact that some documents may be illegible -- let me say both
- 2 to the Bench and to the public that they are easier to read on
- 3 ZyLAB, that when they, than when they are put on the screen in
- 4 this Chamber.
- 5 Yes, they can be difficult to read, but it does not seem to me
- 6 that they are illegible because they have been translated into
- 7 English and French and the translations are in the file. Even if
- 8 it was established that a line or a paragraph of a document was
- 9 not legible, that would not per se call into question the
- 10 reliability of those parts of the document that are perfectly
- 11 legible.
- 12 As to the question of the relevance of the 58 documents in
- 13 connection with Case 1, the Nuon Chea defence seem to forget that
- 14 the first part of the trial is not only connected with forced
- 15 movement of persons, phase 1 and 2, but it is also connected with
- 16 certain sections in the Closing Order, of which the Chamber has
- 17 provided the detail, actually giving the numbers of the
- 18 paragraphs concerned.
- 19 [13.53.20]
- 20 The minutes in Annex 3 are all directly pertinent as regards the
- 21 central administrative structure and the structure of the
- 22 Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea, certainly one or the other.
- 23 If you read the minutes of the Standing Committee meetings, you
- 24 can see the composition of the committee. You can understand the
- 25 hierarchy inside it and the role of the Accused also emerges. And

- 1 when you read them, you understand how the leaders of Democratic
- 2 Kampuchea interacted among each other in what was a joint
- 3 criminal enterprise and we understand how the regime worked,
- 4 structurally speaking, who is taking the decisions and how they
- 5 were referred downwards to the lower grades in the hierarchy.
- 6 If you look at the minutes of military meetings, you will
- 7 understand the detailed military structure of the Revolutionary
- 8 Army of Kampuchea and its prime missions. All of these sections
- 9 of the Closing Order, whether the Defence likes it or not, are
- 10 part of the file for this first trial. Others are directly
- 11 connected with phases 1 and 2 and transfer of the population.
- 12 [13.55.10]
- 13 If I just take a couple of examples from my document E109/4.3
- 14 concerning the first phase of the trial, you will see in the
- 15 final column under the points in the Closing Order, all of the
- 16 relevant points are entered in there alongside each one of the
- 17 documents, IS 13.7, for example.
- 18 Now, that's a set of minutes of the Standing Committee which met
- 19 on the 8th of March 1976, minutes of a meeting on propaganda, and
- 20 it is relevant when talking about the Standing Committee, which
- 21 belonged -- was part of the Central Committee.
- 22 [13.56.14]
- 23 This helps us understand how communication worked within the
- 24 Central Committee, the way government radio was used and also how
- 25 the Accused were working, whether they were in the Central

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- 1 Committee or the Standing Committee.
- 2 Document IS 13.4 (sic) is a typical example of minutes of
- 3 military meeting from the 9th of November 1976. It was a meeting
- 4 of secretaries and deputy secretaries of the division.
- 5 This tells you a lot about the structure of the party; it tells
- 6 you a lot about the military structures, the chiefs of staffs and
- 7 how they communicated with each other and how they communicated
- 8 with the divisions and with the central core of power.
- 9 [13.57.16]
- 10 There are two basic types of documents that I want to analyze.
- 11 Firstly, the minutes of the Standing Committee, and secondly, a
- 12 certain number of military meeting minutes.
- 13 The CBK meeting minutes first, and that is to say, the minutes
- 14 that are still extant.
- 15 The accused Khieu Samphan stated on the 23rd of November 2011
- 16 before this Chamber that there were hundreds of thousands of
- 17 pages in the file and he said:
- 18 "If you had read them, would you have dared claim I was a member
- 19 of the Standing Committee of Kampuchea Communist Party? In fact,
- 20 none of these documents designate me as a member of the Standing
- 21 Committee and, in fact, you only have 19 copies of minutes of
- 22 these meetings out of the 150 or 200 meetings that must have been
- 23 held between 1975 and 1979."
- 24 [13.58.46]
- 25 He then went on to say:

- 1 "If you had read that file, would you have read it -- dared to
- 2 suggest that I was implicated while, in fact, out of those 19
- 3 sets of minutes, I attended 14 of the meetings, but I only spoke
- 4 twice on subjects that I was empowered to discuss, but which had
- 5 absolutely no rapport with the crimes that I am accused of."
- 6 [13.59.32]
- 7 And as you will have understood, Khieu Samphan was addressing
- 8 himself particularly to the Co-Prosecutors in that statement.
- 9 That's in the transcript of the hearing of the 23rd of November,
- 10 which is E1/15.1. It's between 9:52 and 9:54 in the morning for
- 11 those who want to look more closely.
- 12 I'm sure, Mr. President, you can perfectly well remember those
- 13 things being said in the Chamber by the Accused, who, as we see
- 14 it, was authenticating these 19 minutes. In fact, if you count
- 15 them more carefully, there are 22 of these sets of minutes.
- 16 [14.00.28]
- 17 On the 19th of November 2007 during a confrontation before the
- 18 Co-Investigating Judges, Khieu Samphan had also acknowledged that
- 19 he had participated in several meetings of the Standing
- 20 Committee. I quote the following:
- 21 "It's true that I had participated in several of these meetings,
- 22 during which we discussed general problems such as national
- 23 defence, national reconstruction, Vietnam, or the resignation of
- 24 Norodom Sihanouk." End of quote.
- 25 I'm referring to document C25, page 6 of the English version. In

- 1 his publication of 2007, "My Considerations on the History of
- 2 Cambodia", Khieu Samphan asserted that Pol Pot, Nuon Chea, and
- 3 himself were present at the meeting of 14th of May 1976. You will
- 4 find this statement under document ERN 00498263 to 64, in French
- 5 00643868 to 69, and in Khmer 00380427 to 28.
- 6 Khieu Samphan also said in that very same passage that the
- 7 minutes of another meeting that was held in 1976 focused on
- 8 discussions of rice rations and he said that those minutes were
- 9 only distributed to fewer than 10 people and that they bore the
- 10 mark of a strictly confidential classification.
- 11 [14.02.29]
- 12 Based on what was said this morning, I gather that defence for
- 13 Khieu Samphan has challenged the reliability of not only these
- 14 military documents, but also on the minutes of the Standing
- 15 Committee.
- 16 I therefore wonder how defence for Khieu Samphan can, indeed,
- 17 challenge the reliability of these documents based on the grounds
- 18 that the chain of custody of these documents has not been
- 19 established, whereas Khieu Samphan has actually affirmed before
- 20 this very Chamber that he did attend those meetings for which
- 21 there are recorded minutes.
- 22 [14.03.22]
- 23 I would certainly hope that Khieu Samphan and his defence would
- 24 be able to elaborate on their stance, or if indeed they have the
- 25 mandate from their client to do so. This position means that they

- 1 have no problem in acknowledging the reliability of the existence
- 2 of these minutes.
- 3 You will also see, in documents E61/6.2 (sic), the Khieu Samphan
- 4 defence team has stated its intention to admit before this
- 5 Chamber three sets of minutes of the Standing Committee. In those
- 6 very documents -- or rather, we have no objections to the
- 7 admission of those documents. Those are minutes of the Standing
- 8 Committee meeting held on 9 October 1975, which bear the document
- 9 number IS 13.2, reference IS 13.11 in addition to D279/7.2, at
- 10 the conclusion of the meeting of 29th of April 1979 (sic), which
- is held under documents IS 13.14 and D270/7.1 (sic).
- 12 These three documents are not contested. They display the same
- 13 internal and external characteristics, and if they have no
- 14 challenge to those documents, then therefore, it cannot challenge
- 15 the documents that we have identified.
- 16 [14.05.30]
- 17 We also contend that the defence for Ieng Sary and Nuon Chea,
- 18 their clients had actually met with Khieu Samphan during those
- 19 meetings.
- 20 Is there any doubt that hovers over some of the statements that
- 21 were made by those participants and that these documents do
- 22 present prima facie reliability and, therefore, be admitted into
- 23 evidence.
- 24 The question has been asked and we certainly look forward to the
- 25 reply of the Defence.

- 1 Those, Your Honours, are my comments on the meeting -- the
- 2 minutes of the meetings of the CPK Standing Committee. I can
- 3 further elaborate on the subject and tell you the following, Your
- 4 Honours.
- 5 [14.06.38]
- 6 Eighteen of those 19 minutes of meetings contain the names of the
- 7 participants of those meetings. According to these very
- 8 documents, Nuon Chea was present at those meetings. Pol Pot had
- 9 participated in 17 of the 18 meetings. Khieu Samphan had
- 10 participated in 15 of the 18 meetings, and Ieng Sary had, in
- 11 fact, participated in eight of those meetings -- or 10 of those
- 12 meetings [corrects the interpreter].
- 13 All of these documents bear the same formatting and contain the
- 14 same characteristics. The subjects that were addressed during
- 15 those meetings as recorded in the minutes were obviously subjects
- 16 that would have been discussed by the most senior echelons of the
- 17 CPK and conform to other CPK documents.
- 18 Subjects that were discussed include national defence, foreign
- 19 affairs, which were most frequently brought up in at least 15 of
- 20 these minutes.
- 21 The conclusions of some of these minutes are also corroborated
- 22 further by witnesses, including TCW-583, who had confirmed and
- 23 corroborated the content of two of the minutes of those CPK
- 24 meetings with respect to the trade and commerce matters that were
- 25 conducted during the DK regime. He was also able to corroborate

- 1 information concerning the roles of several committees and
- 2 branches within CPK.
- 3 [14.08.46]
- 4 In document D311/2, a witness had identified four of these
- 5 meeting minutes and confirmed that DC-Cam had indeed been in
- 6 possession of the original copies. I'm referring here to document
- 7 IS 13.1, IS 13.24, and IS 13.25 (sic), and IS 13.2. Twenty of
- 8 these 22 minutes of the meetings of the CPK Standing Committee
- 9 were collected by DC-Cam by TCE-38.
- 10 Expert TCE-38 is in a position to confirm the exact circumstances
- 11 in which he was able to gather these documents. An initial
- 12 indication is set out in D67/5/1.25 (sic) on page 3, which is
- only available in the English language.
- 14 [14.10.07]
- 15 In the introduction of this document, the witness states under
- 16 document IS 14.1 exactly how this document was obtained in
- 17 addition to the minutes of these party meetings. He explains that
- 18 these documents were given to him by another individual at the
- 19 residence of Ieng Sary during the time of Democratic Kampuchea.
- 20 Be that as it were, to the extent that Khieu Samphan has
- 21 acknowledged the validity of these 19 minutes of meetings, the
- 22 issue of the chain of custody obviously becomes much less
- 23 significant. We have said that it is only one indicator of
- 24 reliability that you can rely upon, Your Honours.
- 25 Two other meeting minutes were obtained by DC-Cam through the

- 1 Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1996. Twenty-one of these 22
- 2 meeting minutes were obtained by the Office of the Co-Prosecutors
- 3 and identified in the introductory submission of July 2007. They
- 4 were placed on the case file by the Co-Investigating Judges
- 5 during the judicial investigation.
- 6 [14.11.42]
- 7 And lastly, 17 of these minutes have been admitted into evidence
- 8 by Your Honours during Case File 001.
- 9 Very briefly, I would like to provide a few examples of external
- 10 corroboration of the content and substance of these party meeting
- 11 minutes. This will allow you, Your Honours, to fully understand
- 12 that these decisions were acted upon. Allow me to give four
- 13 examples.
- 14 Three of those party meetings had spoken of the necessity to
- 15 mount a military structure. I refer to IS 14.1 (sic), document
- 16 dated October 1975, IS 13.5, and IS 13.14 dated 19 April 1976.
- 17 In these first two documents, it is stated that new locations
- 18 were identified. They include the Kampong Chhnang Airport.
- 19 [14.13.18]
- 20 In the third set of meetings of the 3rd of April 1976, the CPK
- 21 Standing Committee had, indeed, already decided upon the location
- 22 of the construction of a new airport and it was indeed Kampong
- 23 Chhnang.
- 24 We have a multitude of written testimonies of witnesses who were
- 25 heard before and by the Co-Investigating Judges on the matter of

- 1 the construction of this new airport which did indeed begin at
- 2 the very start of 1976 when the first construction crews were
- 3 dispatched.
- 4 In document D66/110 (sic), witness P-243, on page 4, explains
- 5 that he was sent to Kampong Chhnang on the 4th of February 1976
- 6 with a certain number of other people in order to work the land,
- 7 and ten Chinese people.
- 8 There are other testimonies which are contained in document
- 9 D232/1 (sic) as well as D232/89, which are testimonies of those
- 10 who worked in those -- at those work sites at the beginning of
- 11 1976.
- 12 [14.15.10]
- 13 A second example concerns the meeting minutes classified under IS
- 14 13.3.
- 15 In that document, there's a description of Ieng Sary's visit to
- 16 Thailand. This event is corroborated by a media article that was
- 17 published in the "New York Times", which announces the arrival of
- 18 Ieng Sary in Thailand on the 28th of October 1975. This is a
- 19 one-page media article that is classified under D66-Doc.049
- 20 (sic).
- 21 In document IS 20 (sic) dated the 20th (sic) of May 1976, there
- 22 is mention of his participation in the Colombo Conference of
- 23 Non-Aligned Countries. This is further reinforced by two reports
- 24 broadcast by Phnom Penh radio and that are repertoired in the
- 25 Foreign Broadcast Information Service documents bearing the

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- 1 document number D262.21.
- 2 [14.14.47]
- 3 In that very same document, but under the date August 16th 1976
- 4 and in the days following, the activities of Khieu Samphan and
- 5 Ieng Sary are laid out in detail. Their activities are the
- 6 Colombo conference, that is.
- 7 On the 13th of March 1976, there was also discussion of the
- 8 creation of a committee to examine and prepare merchandise to
- 9 order and purchase. It identifies Hem, that is Khieu Samphan. It
- 10 also identifies Van, Ieng Sary, as members of this committee or
- 11 honorary members or consultants, if you will.
- 12 This document bears the number IS 13.11 or D279/7.2.
- 13 During adversarial proceedings, Khieu Samphan said that from
- office C25 he was the one responsible for setting out the rules.
- 15 This is on page 4 of the French version.
- 16 [14.18.14]
- 17 Furthermore, you will see that on the case file there are many
- 18 documents that were sent by Khieu Samphan. They deal with trade
- 19 matters and other matters that he was directly responsible for,
- 20 including material on the import and export of merchandise. And
- 21 here I cite IS 13. or rather, IS 18.18, and D276.1.48 (sic),
- 22 which pertains to a list of materials that were imported from
- 23 China overseas -- over sea, rather.
- 24 [14.19.11]
- 25 I will refer again to the military minutes that we have

- 1 identified in Annex 3 of our document list.
- 2 Of these 26 documents, there are at least 15 minutes of meetings
- 3 of the deputy secretaries as well as secretaries of zones and
- 4 regiments. There are also minutes of the meetings of the economic
- 5 sections. These documents discuss a clear division and
- 6 demarcation of branches and organs within CPK structure.
- 7 All of these documents were produced during a very specific time
- 8 frame. You will note that all the participants are the same. They
- 9 refer to Brother 89 -- that is Son Sen -- who presided over many
- 10 of these meetings, or leaders of Division 306 (sic), which was
- 11 led by Oeun, spelled O-E-U-N, division 450, (no interpretation),
- 12 as well as division 103 (sic) that was led by Pin, and another
- 13 division led by Met, division 90 (sic) led by Tal, division 164
- 14 led by Mut, who were consistently present and who consistently
- 15 were accountable and reporting to Son Sen.
- 16 [14.21.22]
- 17 There were occasions where Kaing Guek Eav, alias Duch, was also
- 18 present. Generally speaking, Son Sen had forwarded final
- 19 recommendations after having heard from the participants.
- 20 You will also see that there were other senior leaders who were
- 21 present at these meetings, including Vorn Vet and Pol Pot.
- 22 There were some meetings that only summoned members of Office 730
- 23 (sic) and S-21.
- 24 We believe that it is also worth pointing out that some of the
- 25 items on the agenda of these meetings reinforced the mandate and

- 1 mission that was given to the RAK, as laid out in document IS
- 2 9.2.
- 3 [14.22.21]
- 4 Article 19 of the Constitution defines the mission as the defence
- 5 of principles, as the proper defence of the country, and the
- 6 defence of the edification of the country.
- 7 The CPK statutes under IS 9.1 under article 27 confirm that, in
- 8 effect, the army has the responsibility for domestic security as
- 9 well as external security and that it also must participate
- 10 actively in the edification and building of the country.
- 11 [14.23.06]
- 12 The Standing Committee meeting of the 30th of May 1976, reference
- 13 IS 36.21 (sic), deals with the agricultural production of the
- 14 army. This document confirms the role of the centre -- of the
- 15 Standing Committee as well as that of the army.
- 16 The meeting of the 30th of May 1976 was followed immediately by
- 17 regular meetings that are corroborated by the successive meetings
- 18 and which continue to deal with agricultural production.
- 19 We can also note that at least 26 minutes of meetings there was
- 20 discussion of rice production, agricultural production, the
- 21 identification and elimination of enemies and traitors, conflict
- 22 with Vietnam, and the need to reinforce the political education
- 23 of soldiers working for the party.
- 24 [14.24.32]
- 25 While initially agricultural production seems to be a recurring

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- 1 theme, it becomes obvious that the elimination of enemies and
- 2 traitors becomes a more prevailing subject that dominates the
- 3 agenda as the year goes on.
- 4 Again, one of -- all of these documents bear the same markings
- 5 and same formatting. They contain the same terminology, the same
- 6 -- and language. They use terms such as "socialist revolution",
- 7 "smashing of the enemy", "smashing of the traitor",
- 8 "revolutionary vigilance", "purge", "secrecy" or, as was
- 9 mentioned by the Defence earlier on, "American imperialism."
- 10 Kaing Guek Eav, alias Duch, had himself identified in document
- 11 D86.13 the very exact information that I have just presented to
- 12 you.
- 13 [14.25.58]
- 14 Twenty minutes of military meetings have also been admitted by
- 15 the Trial Chamber during Case File 001.
- 16 This brings me to my conclusion. I will not elaborate further on
- 17 the remaining documents, since we have discussed them extensively
- 18 since Monday. They are dealt with in document E/158.
- 19 In conclusion, Your Honours, it is our view that the elements
- 20 that we have put before you today and in our written submission
- 21 are such that the indicia of reliability and the external and
- 22 internal characteristics do indeed meet the threshold of this
- 23 Chamber to admit them into evidence by Your Honourable Chamber.
- 24 I thank you, Mr. President.
- 25 [14.27.03]

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- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 I now hand the floor -- hand over the floor to the Lead
- 3 Co-Lawyers to respond to the objections by the defence teams to
- 4 the Annex 3, so you have 15 minutes to make such submission.
- 5 MS. SUTZ:
- 6 Thank you, Mr. President. Good afternoon, members of the panel.
- 7 Good afternoon to everybody.
- 8 I will not take up much of your time because the question of
- 9 minutes of CPK meetings has been very amply covered by the
- 10 Co-Prosecutors and because, in fact, we are talking about
- 11 documents that have been proffered by the Prosecution. And we do
- 12 not believe it is the primary role of the civil party lawyers to
- 13 come up with technical responses to the objections of the
- 14 Defence, insofar as we are dealings with technical ones.
- 15 [14.28.15]
- 16 I will limit myself, therefore, to some general and brief remarks
- 17 on the nature and quantity of objections that have been raised by
- 18 the Defence, in connection with the law as it applies. It has
- 19 been repeated time and again over the last few days, and the
- 20 Defence has accepted this -- admitted that the exceptions that
- 21 they have raised are relatively general and pretty repetitive.
- 22 The -- it seems as if the defence for Ieng Sary is copying and
- 23 pasting the same objections about relevance and authenticity, and
- 24 we are hearing time and again from the Nuon Chea team that we
- 25 have absolutely to hear Mr. Youk Chhang.

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- 1 I think, frankly, that a point has been missed here. The Defence
- 2 seems to be wanting to have a debate, not about admissibility --
- 3 a debate about probative value rather than advice about
- 4 admissibility. And the Judges -- for the Judges, all evidence is
- 5 admissible, and it is up to the Judges, the Bench, to evaluate
- 6 the evidence as they see fit. It is worth bearing this particular
- 7 principle of all evidence being admissible in mind, because it
- 8 means that any form of proof is a priori admissible before this
- 9 Chamber and that the value of evidence, the probative value of
- 10 evidence is to be evaluated by yourselves at a later stage. There
- 11 are, of course, exceptions to that principle, but the exceptions
- 12 are only admissible in specific cases provided for in the
- 13 Internal Rules which pertain to the nature of each and every --
- 14 each document for the specific objection to be accepted by this
- 15 Court.
- 16 [14.30.27]
- 17 If we apply the criteria of authenticity, reliability, and
- 18 relevance under the civil law, I believe, as the Co-Prosecutor
- 19 said, these should be interpreted in a very strict way. Which
- 20 means, more precisely, that if a given document is not believed
- 21 to be relevant because it concerns another period other than
- 22 Democratic Kampuchea, it may not be considered reliable because
- 23 prima facia it seems to be a forgery. In such cases, yes, there
- 24 are exceptions.
- 25 [14.31.12]

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- 1 That, as I see it, is the real sense of any kind of prima facia
- 2 test of admissibility. Only if it seems perfectly obvious that
- 3 the reliability, authenticity or relevance of a document has to
- 4 be challenged for precise reasons should it, therefore, be
- 5 rejected. Admissibility of evidence does -- is not, in itself, a
- 6 criterion of the probative force of that document, subsequently,
- 7 and that is where, as I said, the Defence seems to be picking up
- 8 the wrong debate. We're not having a debate at this stage about
- 9 the probative value. That will take place later.
- 10 I had a few remarks also to make about reliability and relevance
- 11 of the meetings of the Standing Committee. However, the subject
- 12 has been rather amply covered by my learned friend from the
- 13 Co-Prosecution, so I will simply say that while the three Accused
- 14 seem to be challenging the reliability of the minutes of the
- 15 Central Committee meetings while, at the same time, it's been
- 16 broadly proven that three -- two out of the three Accused are
- 17 members of the Central Committee and the third attended a number
- 18 of its meetings, who better than them to testify on the
- 19 reliability of those minutes?
- 20 [14.32.53]
- 21 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 22 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 23 Thank you, Lead Co-Lawyer.
- 24 The time is now appropriate for a break. We shall take a
- 25 20-minutes break and we resume after.

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- 1 (Court recesses from 1433H to 1453H)
- 2 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 3 You may be seated. The Court is now back in session.
- 4 We will now continue to hear the objections to documents in A4
- 5 annex. For these objections to A4 annex, each defence team has 40
- 6 minutes to present their objections unless you agree to
- 7 reallocate the time among yourself.
- 8 [14.54.59]
- 9 Nuon Chea's defence team now has the floor to present your
- 10 objections.
- 11 MR. SON ARUN:
- 12 Good afternoon, Mr. President, Your Honours.
- 13 I still maintain my position in regard to the authenticity of
- 14 Annex 4, which is the subject of our discussion this afternoon.
- 15 My position is the same as that of the objections to Annex 3. The
- 16 locating of these documents should not be that difficult, based
- 17 on the records of interviews of the Office of Co-Investigating
- 18 Judges and their investigators with the Director of DC-Cam.
- 19 As reflected in document D204/4, a senior officer of DC-Cam
- 20 informed the investigator of the OCIJ that he has all these types
- 21 of the original documents. This is clearly a positive thing in
- 22 order to assist the Prosecution in locating the original
- 23 documents to be submitted before the Trial Chamber and if the
- 24 witness -- if that witness can present the original documents to
- 25 the Chamber.

- 1 [14.57.31]
- 2 I would also appeal to the Chamber to summon witnesses who
- 3 provide the correspondence from the upper hierarchy to the lower
- 4 hierarchy, including the telegrams in order to verify whether
- 5 those telegrams are the actual telegrams used during the DK
- 6 period.
- 7 [14.58.02]
- 8 In Annex 4, as I stated, is all want to say, but I would hand
- 9 over the floor to my colleague.
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 The international defence counsel, you may proceed.
- 12 MR. PESTMAN:
- 13 Thank you very much, Mr. President. I won't need much time,
- 14 certainly not the 40 allocated minutes. But before I start, I
- 15 would just like to inform the Court that an hour ago, during the
- 16 prosecutor's response to our objections, our client fell asleep.
- 17 I understand that by now he is awake and he will strive to follow
- 18 the procedures in the holding cell, but he hasn't been following
- 19 all afternoon. He's been very weak. Following the trial even on a
- 20 screen is very tiring. He has signed a waiver on Monday, also for
- 21 today, and the remainder of the week so there's no problem to
- 22 continue in his absence.
- 23 I had a few short remarks with regard to the documents presented
- 24 in Annex number 4. But first of all, to be absolutely clear, I
- 25 would like to repeat what we have said about the other

- 1 categories, all DC-Cam documents. It is our position cannot be
- 2 admitted unless the DC-Cam director, Youk Chhang, is going to be
- 3 heard in Court, and we are given the opportunity to question him
- 4 on all the documents DC-Cam has provided to the prosecutor and
- 5 the Office of the Co-Investigating Judges.
- 6 [14.59.55]
- 7 Again, it is for us very difficult to find out or to establish
- 8 which documents exactly in Annex 4 were given, handed over by
- 9 DC-Cam, and that is why we would like to repeat our request to
- 10 provide us with a list indicating which documents the prosecutor
- 11 or the Office of the Co-Investigating Judges received from
- 12 DC-Cam. I understand now that it is possible to make such a list,
- 13 but that it might take more time than envisaged. But even so, we
- 14 would like to receive such a list, if not on Monday maybe it's
- 15 possible to produce that on Tuesday while we are still, as I
- 16 understand, hearing witness number 766.
- 17 [15.00.46]
- 18 Of course, as I said earlier this morning, we are not only
- 19 objecting to those documents on the basis of their reliability,
- 20 their lack of authenticity.
- 21 We also object to those documents, at least in some cases,
- 22 because they lack the necessary relevance for the first mini
- 23 trial. I will not go through the entire list because the list is
- 24 very long, as you know, 78 pages.
- 25 I just want to give some examples of documents which, according

- 1 to the prosecutor, were relevant for the first phase of the
- 2 trial, the first mini trial. And I am really puzzled to
- 3 understand what the prosecutor intends to prove with these
- 4 particular documents. I want to give a few random examples.
- 5 document number 165 on the list, for example, is a document dated
- 6 30 April 1977. It's a telegram, number 16, from Ke Pauk to the
- 7 chief of Office 870 describing the military situation along the
- 8 Thai border and describing orders to undertake political and
- 9 consciousness work. I have no idea what the prosecutor intends to
- 10 prove with that document.
- 11 Another document number 212 on the list, dated 17 June 1977, more
- 12 than two months after the liberation of Phnom Penh; it's a report
- 13 regarding radar sightings at Bokor and Pochentong Airport,
- 14 including airplane speed, time and direction, copied to Son Sen,
- 15 alias Khieu, alias 47, and office. No idea why that is relevant
- 16 for the first mini trial.
- 17 [15.02.40]
- 18 Another document, number 354, dated 30 March 1978; it's a report
- 19 from Phea to comrade Rit, K-51, on behalf of the Ministry of
- 20 Social Affairs, request to Van Rit for purchase of medical
- 21 products including intravenous needles for infants. No idea why
- 22 the prosecutor wants to present that document in court and what
- 23 the prosecutor wants to prove with that document.
- 24 [15.03.11]
- 25 Document 359 -- I'm giving random examples -- 4 April 1978,

- 1 almost three years after the liberation of Phnom Penh. It's a
- 2 report from Mut to Brother Number 89, entitled "Confidential
- 3 Telephone Message of 4 April 1978", and it's a report about a
- 4 ship hitting a mine, which caused damage to a ship and some
- 5 people, including a Chinese -- relevant, according to the
- 6 prosecutor.
- 7 Document 365, dated 9 April 1978; another telegram from 46 to
- 8 Office 870, a report on the destruction of two boats, fuel and
- 9 tools due to fire; explains the arrest of two men for lighting a
- 10 lamp which caused a fire, as well as Lean, who sets the
- 11 assignments which resulted in the fire.
- 12 And finally -- it's a complete random selection of documents --
- 13 document numbered 403, dated July 1978, more than three years
- 14 after the liberation of Phnom Penh; it's called "A Report on the
- 15 Expertise of Midwives" of July 1978, and it describes the
- 16 functioning of a hospital and the work of midwives within that
- 17 hospital, detailing positive points and shortcomings and also
- 18 state of political consciousness of the midwives. I'm curious to
- 19 know what the document -- what the prosecutor intends to prove
- 20 with that particular document.
- 21 Not all documents seem equally pertinent. I again, like I did
- 22 this morning, invite the Trial Chamber to have a very good look
- 23 at those documents and discard all those documents --not allow
- 24 the admission of all those documents which are not relevant in
- 25 the first mini trial. And I repeat, the first mini trial is only

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- 1 about phase one and phase two of the movement of population.
- 2 [15.05.26]
- 3 All irrelevant documents should not be allowed to blur the
- 4 picture. There is a serious risk, as I said this morning, that we
- 5 are going to drown, not only the Defence, but also the Trial
- 6 Chamber, is going to drown in a huge lake of irrelevant
- 7 information and we won't be able see the forest through the
- 8 trees.
- 9 Thank you very much.
- 10 [15.05.54]
- 11 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 12 Thank you, Counsel. Ieng Sary's defence, now you may take the
- 13 floor.
- 14 MR. KARNAVAS:
- 15 Good afternoon, Mr. President. Good afternoon, Your Honours and
- 16 good afternoon to everyone in and around the courtroom. And
- 17 before I go into my presentation, I just want to pick up where
- 18 the Nuon Chea team just left off, which is echoing what I
- 19 indicated earlier. And that is by attempting to have the Trial
- 20 Chamber admit all sorts of documents that are not related --
- 21 strictly related to case -- to the first -- the first trial.
- 22 Effectively what the Prosecution is attempting to do is have
- 23 within its possession the documents, even if they -- or the
- 24 evidence available so in some sort of a closing brief, they can
- 25 argue the rest of the entire case, that is the entire Closing

- 1 Order, should there not be a case 2 or 3. That's the purpose, we
- 2 submit.
- 3 So if the Trial Chamber saw it fit to limit or to -- I should say
- 4 to sever the case in a way to have several different trials; and
- 5 since the Trial Chamber has saw fit to limit the testimony to the
- 6 first trial, then the documents being submitted should be limited
- 7 to the first trial and then we would have to go through this
- 8 entire exercise for the second trial and the third trial. But to
- 9 simply say, as the civil parties have said, here are some 4,000
- 10 documents, this is everything that we wanted for the entire
- 11 Closing Order, is inappropriate.
- 12 [15.07.55]
- 13 More specific to Annex 4. Of course, we've cut and pasted our
- 14 remarks and, I should say Your Honours, that the procedure in
- 15 Prlic, since that seems to be sort of the high mark of whether
- 16 something should be admitted or not, this was the procedure that
- 17 was used. We were informed to provide reasons why documents
- 18 should not come in and both the Prosecution and the Defence would
- 19 use the same technique that was used in the Ieng Sary defence in
- 20 responding to all of the documents.
- 21 [15.08.31]
- 22 So -- and the reason for that is most of the time, in many of
- 23 these tribunals, we're talking about types of documents, such as
- 24 telegrams, such as minutes of meetings. And so normally you would
- 25 have a particular argument with respect -- a general argument

- 1 with respect to a particular type of document, such as telegrams.
- 2 And, if we're talking about, for instance, the ICTY procedure
- 3 with respect to documentary evidence similar to telegrams, if I
- 4 could give an example, in the Srebrenica Case, and I happen to
- 5 try one of those, we had what was known as radio operators who
- 6 were intercepting messages from various sides. And they were
- 7 taking handwritten notes. For the Prosecution, in order to
- 8 introduce those intercepts, the operator himself would have to
- 9 come in. In the event that operator wasn't available, but
- 10 nonetheless they wanted to bring in certain documents related to
- 11 intercepts, at the very minimum, they had to have a witness
- 12 testify the procedure, as to the procedure. How were these
- 13 intercept operators operating, what were the modalities for
- 14 contemporaneously taking down and recording what they were
- 15 hearing, how they were identifying people's names, and so on and
- 16 so forth.
- 17 [15.10.20]
- 18 So, in other words, what I'm suggesting, Your Honour, is nothing
- 19 that I haven't suggested here earlier, and that is for certain
- 20 types of evidence, some witnesses will have to come in and lay a
- 21 basic foundation.
- 22 And so -- now dealing with communications, which is the -- in
- 23 Annex 4, I just want to draw a couple of -- for examples, for
- 24 instance, where I believe, or we believe the Trial Chamber should
- 25 be very cautious.

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- 1 15.10.50]
- 2 The first one deals with torture or torture-tainted evidence,
- 3 which is D108, stroke we would say slash, but I hear they're
- 4 saying it's stroke 26.282 [D108/26.282]. If we look at this
- 5 document, it would appear that it contains data derived from
- 6 confessions. It is our position, and we believe we are correct on
- 7 the law, that confessions contain torture-tainted material and
- 8 such material, under all its forms, should not be admitted except
- 9 where -- against the person who's accused of actually committing
- 10 the torture.
- 11 That's our position. So we believe, in this instance, the Trial
- 12 Chamber should be very careful not to allow these sorts of
- 13 material -- should not have it admitted. And we direct your
- 14 attention to our submission, Ieng Sary's objection to the
- 15 admissibility of certain categories of documents dated 6
- 16 September 2011, and it's E114, paragraphs 1, paragraphs 2 to 5,
- 17 paragraphs 7 to 9, 10, and paragraph 17.
- 18 Another example, dealing with telegrams, and I understand we will
- 19 be hearing some -- some witnesses and that's why I -- we maintain
- 20 that our position has never been a categorical one in a sense
- 21 that nothing should be admitted. Our position has always been
- 22 subject to, unless the Prosecution does X, Y or Z. That has been
- 23 our position recognizing that we're dealing with the free
- 24 evaluation of evidence.
- 25 [15.12.54]

- 1 If we look at IS 21.14, this is a telegram. And it purports to be
- 2 -- have been authored by a certain Hang, H-A-N-G. It's signed
- 3 Hang; that's what we have. Now we object to the admission of such
- 4 documents where you simply have somebody's signature or name
- 5 underneath, unless the Prosecution can sufficiently demonstrate
- 6 its authenticity, reliability, and relevance. Of course, the
- 7 relevance can be discerned from the content of the telegram, so
- 8 that may be rather easy. But as far as the authenticity, we leave
- 9 it up to the Prosecution to determine what they're going to do in
- 10 demonstrating that. At the very least, however, we --we submit
- 11 the Prosecution must demonstrate who is responsible for the
- 12 content of the document. In other words, the author's identity
- 13 must be verified. Who is the author? And some sort of a
- 14 foundation should be laid showing that the author could
- 15 reasonably have authored this particular document. Now that's our
- 16 position.
- 17 [15.14.19]
- 18 Now we understand that there's a low threshold; that to admit
- 19 telegrams with just names without having some sort of testimony
- 20 as to who this person was, whether they actually existed, what
- 21 was their capacity, we believe puts us at a great disadvantage
- 22 when it comes to confronting such evidence. How do you confront a
- 23 document with a name, you don't know who the person is, and that
- 24 no one ever comes in to talk about the document itself. It's just
- 25 simply admitted so then later on it can be commented upon by the

- 1 Prosecution in their closing argument.
- 2 So we suggest and we submit that where such that when -- or if
- 3 and when such documents are admitted, and if we don't have the
- 4 opportunity to confront the authors, that you take this into
- 5 consideration when it comes to ascribing the amount of weight
- 6 that you would give to such documents. Of course subject to, as
- 7 I've indicated yesterday, if you have other independent indicia
- 8 as to the reliability of the content, obviously that is a sort of
- 9 information and evidence that you would factor in.
- 10 [15.15.47]
- 11 We would also submit that if a document, such as a telegram, has
- 12 our client's name to it, we would submit simply having the name
- 13 to a document does not in and of itself demonstrate that our
- 14 client would have received that particular document. In other
- 15 words, if he's copied, if it says cc, some sort of proof must be
- 16 shown. We submit that our client actually received the document
- 17 and that the mere copy -- putting his name down to be copied, is
- 18 not merely some sort of a proforma approach that was used at the
- 19 time.
- 20 [15.16.39]
- 21 Of course, these are the sort of arguments that we will be making
- 22 at the conclusion after we hear all the evidence, but
- 23 nonetheless, I'm merely sharing with the Trial Chamber our
- 24 concerns with respect to these sorts of documents.
- 25 Let me give you another example on telegrams. D366/7.1.793. This

- 1 is a document where the author is purported to be Brother Nhim.
- 2 Now who is Brother Nhim? Will Brother Nhim come and testify? Is
- 3 there a witness that will testify as to Brother Nhim and whether
- 4 he was in some sort of a capacity handling telegrams?
- 5 We believe and we submit that we have an obligation in
- 6 representing our client in pursuing this sort of information and
- 7 in demanding that to the extent possible, the Prosecution produce
- 8 evidence that would sufficiently demonstrate the authenticity and
- 9 reliability of this document. And as I've indicated earlier, the
- 10 identity of this individual and some sort of a foundation, it
- 11 need not be that much, but some sort of a foundation must be laid
- 12 showing that this individual, Brother Nhim, could have reasonably
- 13 authored this particular document. And of course, with the same
- 14 caveat that I've indicated earlier, if we are not afforded the
- 15 opportunity to cross-examine Brother Nhim or someone who might be
- 16 able to speak about this particular document, that little or no
- 17 weight be given to it unless there's other independent indicia,
- 18 and again, simply because the document claims to have been copied
- 19 to our client, unless there is proof, we submit that the Trial
- 20 Chamber be very cautious before ascribing weight to that
- 21 particular document when it comes to our particular client.
- 22 [15.18.56]
- 23 Another document, this is a report -- again, I'm just merely
- 24 highlighting some documents where we think make our point as to
- 25 why we believe certain evidence must be produced by the

- 1 Prosecution, especially since they recognize, as they should,
- 2 that they have the burden of proof.
- 3 [15.19.23]
- 4 D108/26.81. Now, this document purports to be authored by a
- 5 certain Chan C-H-A-N, C-H-A-N -- and for the same reasons,
- 6 because I don't want to take up your time and there's no need for
- 7 me to be repetitive, for the same reasons, we believe a certain
- 8 amount of evidence must be produced by the Prosecution to
- 9 demonstrate its authenticity. And this can be done by at the very
- 10 least demonstrating that the author of this report -- you know,
- 11 his identity, and of course that he could have reasonably
- 12 authored this particular document.
- 13 The last example that I wish to give is a postcard, is a
- 14 postcard, and it's D199/14.2. And here the Prosecution contends
- 15 that this document is authored by a Mr. Ouk Ket. This is Annex 4,
- 16 item 155. And for the very same reasons we object to the
- 17 admission of this type of a document, unless there is some
- 18 foundation laid by the Prosecution, as I've indicated before, and
- 19 there's no need for me to repeat, again, Your Honours, it is our
- 20 -- just to make sure that our position is very clear, we're not
- 21 suggesting that no documents can come in. That is not our -- and
- 22 we're not suggesting that nothing is authentic or nothing is
- 23 reliable, but what we are suggesting is at some point the
- 24 Prosecution, and it need not be at the very outset but at some
- 25 point, when you are about to deliberate on all of this evidence,

- 1 you will need to have some foundational information that would
- 2 give you some comfort that the documents are authentic, are
- 3 reliable, and of course with respect to relevance, I think that
- 4 would be rather -- that will become rather clear towards the end
- 5 of the case.
- 6 I have nothing further, Your Honours, and I thank you for your
- 7 attention.
- 8 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 9 Thank you. Now I hand over to the defence for Khieu Samphan.
- 10 [15.22.22]
- 11 MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 12 Good afternoon, Mr. President. Good afternoon, Your Honours.
- 13 For Annex 4, relating to the Democratic Kampuchea communication,
- 14 the Chamber indicated 394 documents, and the prosecutor has tried
- 15 to have you believe that these documents are relevant and
- 16 reliable. And only 99 out of these 394 documents the
- 17 Co-Prosecutor have tried to indicate its -- their reliability.
- 18 However, of those 99 documents, we have not had enough
- 19 foundational information to ensure the reliability of these
- 20 documents. Particularly, there is no clear indication of the
- 21 proper chain of custody of these documents before it was actually
- 22 transferred to the Documentation Centre of Cambodia.
- 23 [15.24.20]
- 24 According to the various documents placed before Your Honours, it
- 25 is clear that these documents were gathered from various sources

- 1 by the Documentation Centre of Cambodia, and there is no clear
- 2 indication as to when those documents were given or obtained and
- 3 how those documents were obtained either.
- 4 There were apparently four sources of the document, one of which
- 5 is the National Archive of Tuol Sleng, Ministry of Interior, and
- 6 from individual donation, particularly from TCE-038.
- 7 My position regarding this annex is not in any way different from
- 8 the previous arguments with the other annex. The custody of
- 9 evidence as well as the identification of the persons who offered
- 10 those documents have not been identified very clearly. And the
- 11 prosecutors have failed to indicate as to when those documents
- 12 were received or obtained and the subsequent chain of custody of
- 13 those documents.
- 14 [15.26.35]
- 15 For this reason, I am of the opinion that there has been a
- 16 contradiction because the prosecutors believe -- have the Chamber
- 17 believe that it is the responsibility of the Defence to
- 18 specifically object to any specific documents. However, our
- 19 position is that the Co-Prosecutors have failed to indicate the
- 20 authenticity as well as the reliability of those documents before
- 21 those documents are placed before the Chamber.
- 22 In this respect, if we examine those documents by ourselves,
- 23 apparently it seems that we bear the responsibility to ensure the
- 24 reliability or authenticity of those documents. There were
- 25 actually one or two documents that have already been told the

- 1 authenticity or reliability of those documents, but as you may
- 2 have seen, there are hundreds of documents of this types that
- 3 need to be shown the reliability and authenticity as well.
- 4 [15.28.36]
- 5 There are some discrepancies as well, for example with regard to
- 6 the time and individuals who found or discovered the document and
- 7 the person or institution obtained those documents, and we have
- 8 to analyze the various circumstances of which the document was
- 9 obtained and maintained. And these lead to a lot of suspicion.
- 10 It is therefore imperative that we identify the person who
- 11 discovered those documents and who obtained the document and how
- 12 the document was maintained. Unless we found the person who
- 13 actually discovered those documents, we remain doubtful of the
- 14 authenticity of the document because the document that was
- 15 covered -- discovered by someone, it does not necessarily mean
- 16 that that document was reliable.
- 17 If the document was in one particular place that we believe that
- 18 it is a neutral organization, then we -- it is likely that we can
- 19 trust the source. However, if that organization is perceived to
- 20 be biased, then it is a different issue. That's why we insist
- 21 that we discover the source of the evidence as well as the chain
- 22 of the custody of the evidence to ensure its reliability.
- 23 [15.30.27]
- 24 Only when we proceed with a debate on the relevancy and
- 25 connection between the documents and those concerned individuals,

- 1 then we can prove the source and its reliability. And that should
- 2 only be done before this very Chamber, so that it can be proved
- 3 beyond a reasonable doubt of its authenticity or reliability.
- 4 Once again, Your Honour, I appeal to the Bench to closely examine
- 5 the availability of summoning the concerned individuals so that
- 6 parties can put questions to them before this very Chamber. I am
- 7 grateful, Your Honour.
- 8 [15.31.34]
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 Thank you, Counsel.
- 11 We now hand over to the co-prosecution so that you're able to
- 12 have the opportunity to respond to the objections. You may
- 13 proceed.
- 14 MR. CHAN DARARASMEY:
- 15 Thank you, Mr. President. Good afternoon, Your Honours. Good
- 16 afternoon, everyone in and around the courtroom.
- 17 [15.32.14]
- 18 On behalf of the Prosecution, I'd like to make the presentation
- 19 to respond to the objections raised by the defence teams in
- 20 regards to Annex 4, which is entitled "DK Communications", and it
- 21 is comprised of the following groups of documents: the DK
- 22 reports, DK letters, DK telegrams, DK notes, and other DK orders.
- 23 The Defence has raised four distinct types of objections in
- 24 relation to documents contained in Annex 4 of the document list.
- 25 I note that each type of objection is repeated in the same terms

- 1 in relation to large groups of documents on the annex and does
- 2 not raise specific issues with individual documents. In order to
- 3 address these objections, I will first briefly reiterate the
- 4 relevant legal standards,
- 5 as they apply to the four objections raised in relation to this
- 6 group of documents.
- 7 [15.33.56]
- 8 I'd like to make the following points regarding this matter.
- 9 The legal test for admissibility that is generally the starting
- 10 point of analysis for determining admissibility of documents is
- 11 the presumption of admissibility contained in ECCC Internal
- 12 Rules. Rule 87.1 states that "all the evidence is admissible
- 13 subject to Rule 87.3, which sets out a limited list of specific
- 14 groups upon which evidence can be excluded".
- 15 [15.34.45]
- 16 Regarding the issue of relevance and reliability, the Trial
- 17 Chamber has interpreted the effect of Rule 87.3 as requiring
- 18 evidence to satisfy certain conditions of relevance and probative
- 19 value and minimum standards of relevance and reliability to be
- 20 admitted.
- 21 In order to be considered relevant, the evidence proffered must
- 22 be prima facie material to the issues and tend to establish the
- 23 party's position.
- 24 I note that no specific point has been raised by -- in the
- 25 Defence objections challenging the relevance of documents

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- 1 contained on Annex 4, although objections purport to relate also
- 2 to relevance generally.
- 3 [15.35.58]
- 4 Should this first criterion be satisfied, the inquiry turns to
- 5 the reliability of the evidence.
- 6 Your Honours, the material factor for admissibility in the
- 7 present instance is therefore the reliability of this group of
- 8 documents. The standard of reliability required at the
- 9 admissibility stage is that evidence must be prima facie
- 10 credible. The criteria for such assessment depend on the
- 11 particular circumstances of each case and include a range of
- 12 factors.
- 13 There is no requirement for authenticity of a document to be
- 14 definitely established, as suggested by the Defence in this case,
- 15 prior to its admission in evidence. Proof of the origin of the
- 16 document is relevant in considering whether a document has
- 17 sufficient indicia of reliability, but it is not a prerequisite
- 18 for admission.
- 19 Your Honour, in regards to the admissibility versus weight, I'd
- 20 like to make the following observation.
- 21 [15.37.32]
- 22 The probative value of a piece of evidence at the admissibility
- 23 stage can be satisfied by showing indicia of relevance and
- 24 reliability. On the other hand, the actual probative value or
- 25 weight to be afforded to the evidence is assessed by the Trial

- 1 Chamber once all the evidence has been heard.
- 2 The burden on the party seeking to introduce evidence is to
- 3 demonstrate minimum levels of relevance and reliability. As has
- 4 been noted by the Trial Chamber and by other international
- 5 criminal tribunals, the assessment of the actual probative value
- 6 or weight to be assigned to a piece of evidence is a separate
- 7 inquiry that will take place later for the purpose of determining
- 8 whether it tends to prove or disprove the allegations in the
- 9 case.
- 10 [15.38.48]
- 11 This minimum standard for admissibility is appropriate in
- 12 proceedings before the ECCC, where the evidence is collected or
- 13 reviewed by the impartial and independent investigative charge,
- 14 and the triers of fact are experienced, professional judges, and
- 15 not a jury of lay persons.
- 16 Mr. President, I'd like now to make response in regards to the
- 17 statements made under torture.
- 18 [15.39.30]
- 19 Although relevance and reliability are the primary considerations
- 20 in the admission of documents, Rule 87.3 also specifically
- 21 prohibits evidence that is not allowed under the law. One
- 22 category of evidence which falls under this broad prohibition is
- 23 statements made under torture.
- 24 The test under Article 15 of the Convention Against Torture -
- 25 CAT, for short -- and Article 38 of the Cambodian Constitution

- 1 prohibit statements induced by torture or physical threat
- 2 thereof.
- 3 In Case 001, the Trial Chamber confirmed that this prohibition
- 4 means statements made under torture cannot be admitted for the
- 5 truth of their contents but can still be admitted as evidence of
- 6 the fact that the statement was made and that it was made under
- 7 torture.
- 8 [15.40.50]
- 9 Consequently, prior to making a determination on the
- 10 admissibility of statements or any other associated secondary
- 11 documents, it is crucial to determine the purpose for which the
- documents are being introduced, and Defence objections are only
- 13 valid if material is in fact introduced to prove the truth of
- 14 torture-induced information.
- 15 For example, general objections as to documents or material
- 16 relating to S-21 confessions are not sufficed.
- 17 The exclusionary rule set out in Article 15 of the CAT relates
- 18 only to statements established to have been made under torture.
- 19 It specifically permits the use of such statements against a
- 20 person accused of torture as evidence that the statement was
- 21 made.
- 22 [15.42.05]
- 23 In order for the prohibition to apply, the statement itself must,
- 24 firstly, be shown to have been obtained under torture, and
- 25 secondly, its use must be prohibited by the Convention. The broad

- 1 and weak phrase "torture-tainted" used by the Defence in their
- 2 objections does not accurately reflect this legal standard.
- 3 Keeping in mind the elements of the CAT standard for
- 4 admissibility, it is important to distinguish between the various
- 5 types of evidentiary materials at issue in the present case and
- 6 between the uses for which these various types of documents are
- 7 being introduced into evidence.
- 8 [15.43.03]
- 9 In addition to confessions signed by the detainee, the confession
- 10 files on the case file commonly include summaries and reports
- 11 made by the interrogators, noting the identity of the prisoner,
- 12 date, and location of arrest, and description of the kind of
- 13 coercion or torture used against the prisoner.
- 14 Annex 4 documents constitute internal DK memoranda containing
- 15 information recorded by third parties not subject to torture,
- 16 through other party members or their superiors, and thus they do
- 17 not fall under the exclusionary rule. They can be used to prove
- 18 the identity of individuals arrested, detained, and tortured and
- 19 the details of the arrest, detention, and torture.
- 20 [15.44.27]
- 21 The summaries and reports often include lists of other cadres or
- 22 persons implicated by the detainee. This list can be used to
- 23 demonstrate the common criminal plan of identifying and
- 24 eliminating perceived opponents of the regime through the
- 25 systematic use of torture.

- 1 Apart from third party information contained on such documents,
- 2 information obtained as a result of torture that may be recorded
- 3 in the documents can also be used to prove the fact that torture
- 4 took place, including the identity of the prisoner, the dates of
- 5 arrest and detention, and the methods of the torture.
- 6 [15.45.38]
- 7 In the DK reports category discussed by my colleague, documents
- 8 contain reports on the use of torture and extraction of
- 9 confessions.
- 10 Your Honours, together with other materials, the confessions can
- 11 demonstrate that information obtained from detainees was used as
- 12 the basis for future arrests and purges. There is no suggestion
- 13 that the information contained in a confession will be relied
- 14 upon by the Co-Prosecutors to establish the truth of its contents
- 15 -- for example, the other prisoner or anybody named by him or her
- 16 was a spy or enemy -- or in ways going beyond the standard set by
- 17 the Trial Chamber in Case 001.
- 18 [15.46.50]
- 19 In order for any particular document on the Co-Prosecutor's
- 20 document list to be deemed inadmissible -- that is, by virtue of
- 21 Article 15 of CAT -- it has to be demonstrated that the document
- 22 contains statements made under torture and that its proposed use
- 23 falls outside the recognized exception.
- 24 The general objections submitted to date by Khieu Samphan and
- 25 Ieng Sary fail to achieve or even attempt to achieve this

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- 1 standard.
- 2 [15.47.38]
- 3 Your Honours, in regards to the Defence objections, that is the
- 4 first and most common objection rests in relation to Annex 4
- 5 document, is that documents should be excluded unless OCP can
- 6 sufficiently demonstrate the authenticity, reliability, and
- 7 relevance of this document by demonstrating who is responsible
- 8 for the content of this document. This objection is raised in its
- 9 general form in relation to 81 DK telegrams, four DK notes, 105
- 10 DK reports, nine DK orders, and seven DK letters.
- 11 [15.48.34]
- 12 The Defence have isolated this indicator of reliability and
- 13 appear to suggest the failure to prove the author of documents is
- 14 in itself fatal to the admissibility of documents. Within this
- 15 objection, the Defence also submits that such documents, if
- 16 admitted, should be of minimum weight if the Defence is not
- 17 afforded the opportunity to confront the author, unless the
- 18 content of the document can be verified or supported through
- 19 independent indicia.
- 20 As already argued and established by the OCP, there is no
- 21 requirement, at ECCC, that evidence be presented through witness
- 22 evidence, nor is the establishment of the author of documents a
- 23 singular requirement of the test for reliability or authenticity
- 24 at the admissibility stage.
- 25 [15.50.12]

- 1 These combined factors may be taken into account along with the
- 2 myriad of indicia applicable in these inquiries.
- 3 Your Honours, the weight to be assigned to any given document is
- 4 also not an issue under consideration at this stage. In this
- 5 regard, issues such as whether or not a given telegram addressed
- 6 to Mr. Ieng Sary was in fact received by him there is an
- 7 objection raised in relation to 44 telegrams and one report --
- 8 would be considered by the Chamber in the context of the evidence
- 9 as a whole and may not, in fact, be the material issue being
- 10 established by the document in any event.
- 11 [15.51.20]
- 12 The second substantive objection relates to the exclusion of
- 13 material tainted by torture. This objection raised by the Defence
- 14 is also repeated in very general terms, with no attempt to
- 15 isolate factors of specific concern in relation to any particular
- 16 documents in Annex 4.
- 17 The Defence, once again, erroneously states the test for
- 18 exclusion of material obtained through torture and raises this
- 19 objection in relation to one DK note, seven DK reports, and four
- 20 DK orders.
- 21 [15.52.16]
- 22 The articulation of this purported rule in the Defence objections
- 23 is as follows:
- 24 "Torture-tainted material is, under all its forms and in every
- 25 circumstances, except against a person accused of torture as

- 1 evidence that a statement was made, inadmissible in judicial
- 2 proceedings before the ECCC."
- 3 As already demonstrated, the torture exclusion rule has a far
- 4 more stringent application than that argued for by the Defence.
- 5 Information contained in orders, reports, and notes that describe
- 6 torture or its circumstances are clearly not obtained as a result
- 7 of torture or induced under threat of physical harm.
- 8 Where information obtained through a torture-induced confession
- 9 is contained in such reports, the OCP does not in any way seek to
- 10 rely on the truth of that information.
- 11 Thirdly, the Defence has argued that certain documents in Annex 4
- 12 are new and cannot be admitted in evidence unless it is
- 13 established that these documents were not available before the
- opening of the trial, pursuant to Rule 87.4. In fact, these
- 15 documents do not fall under that provision, as they were filed in
- 16 the Co-Prosecutor's Rule 80 list on 19 April 2011 -- that is
- 17 document E9/31 -- prior to the start of the trial.
- 18 [15.54.42]
- 19 Your Honours, lastly, the Defence objects to the admission of
- 20 certain documents pending English translation being provided.
- 21 These documents have been placed on the case file, and a good
- 22 faith effort has been made to obtain translations. The time and
- 23 resource constraints affecting the translation of all documents
- 24 has meant translations are not yet available, and 16 out of those
- 25 documents in Annex 4, that is, those documents in Khmer, have not

- 1 yet been translated into English.
- 2 [15.55.40]
- 3 These are our arguments to the objections raised by the Defence
- 4 teams.
- 5 And I now conclude my presentation. And I'd like to hand the
- 6 floor over to my colleague.
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 Thank you, Co-Prosecutor.
- 9 I'd like to inquire with the International Co-Prosecutor how much
- 10 time that you may take to finish off your presentation.
- 11 [15.56.08]
- 12 MR. ABDULHAK:
- 13 Your Honour, I believe we're allocated one hour, which would
- 14 leave about another 35 minutes, and I'd like to use that time, if
- 15 possible. There's quite a few different objections from our
- 16 friends on the other side.
- 17 I'm quite happy to commence either tonight or tomorrow, whichever
- 18 Your Honours deem more appropriate.
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 Thank you for indicating the time that you intend to use.
- 21 As you have been allocated one hour and only half an hour has
- 22 been used, you still have another 30 minutes in your response to
- 23 the objections raised by the defence teams. However, the time for
- 24 this afternoon's session comes to an end.
- 25 The hearing today is adjourned, and we shall resume tomorrow

- 1 morning, starting from 9 a.m.
- 2 I notice the defence counsel is on his feet. You may proceed.
- 3 [15.57.32]
- 4 MR. IANUZZI:
- 5 Thank you, Your Honour. I'll be extremely brief. Perhaps I should
- 6 have mentioned this this morning, but I just wanted to note for
- 7 the record that we are very pleased -- very pleased --that Judge
- 8 Fenz was able to make the transition from reserve Judge to full
- 9 rights Member of the Bench without any political interference
- 10 from the Royal Government of Cambodia. That situation, of course,
- 11 is in sharp contrast to the situation prevailing in other
- 12 corridors of this tribunal. And we would just like to also
- 13 register our support for the international reserve
- 14 Co-Investigating Judge. Thank you.
- 15 [15.58.12]
- 16 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 17 I think it cannot just be as please as you like. It depends on
- 18 the applicable law here.
- 19 And, in fact, the Chamber already informed parties and the public
- 20 that Judge Fenz is replacing or substituting Judge Cartwright
- 21 during the time of her unavailability, so she will be in Judge
- 22 Cartwright's place until Judge Cartwright is available to
- 23 continue her position.
- 24 Security guards, you are instructed to take the three Accused
- 25 back to the detention facility and bring them back here tomorrow

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1	morning, before 9 a.m. And for Nuon Chea and Ieng Sary, bring
2	them to the holding cells downstairs so that they can follow the
3	proceeding. And for Khieu Samphan, bring him to this courtroom.
4	The Court is now adjourned.
5	(Court adjourns at 1559H)
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