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Trial Chamber Chambre de première instance

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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 (Court opens at 0906H)
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Please be seated. The Court is now in session.
- 5 Today, we have some important outstanding issues to be addressed
- 6 in Case 002/001, some of which have been raised by the parties at
- 7 the last minute.
- 8 The Trial Chamber will first address the Co Prosecutors' request
- 9 to call further witnesses on the events at Tuol Po Chrey and all
- 10 parties will be given a chance to respond to these submissions.
- 11 Following this, the Trial Chamber will consider submissions of
- 12 the parties on the Co Prosecutors' application for
- 13 reconsideration of its position, not to recall Civil Party Sar
- 14 Sarin. The Co Prosecutors will then be allowed to address the
- 15 Chamber in regards to the two issues raised yesterday by email
- 16 with the Trial Chamber's Senior Legal Officer: first, with
- 17 respect to the request for adverse inferences to be drawn against
- 18 Khieu Samphan and Nuon Chea; and second, regarding the admission
- 19 of documentary evidence and the allocation of E3 numbers. All
- 20 parties will be allowed to respond.
- 21 [09.08.26]
- 22 The Chamber notes the Nuon Chea defence team's sixth and final
- 23 request to summons TCW 223, which was filed yesterday. As this is
- 24 a renewal of pending motion, no submissions are required and the
- 25 Chamber will address this issue in the final decision on

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- 1 witnesses. Following this, the Chamber will allow oral
- 2 submissions regarding the Nuon Chea's defence team's request to
- 3 summons witnesses in respect of alleged policy of targeting Khmer
- 4 Republic officials, a courtesy copy of which was provided
- 5 yesterday.
- 6 And finally, the Chamber will hear oral submissions on the Khieu
- 7 Samphan's defence team's request for information with respect to
- 8 the condition of Nou Mouk's appearance before this Court, which
- 9 was filed yesterday.
- 10 And finally, the Chamber will provide further indications to the
- 11 parties regarding scheduling of final deadlines.
- 12 Starting with the request for witnesses on the events at Tuol Po
- 13 Chrey, I would like to know whether the Co Prosecutors' wish to
- 14 supplement their written request, and if you have it, please take
- 15 the floor.
- 16 [09.10.41]
- 17 MR. LYSAK:
- 18 Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours, counsel.
- 19 We do not have any supplemental submissions to add at this time,
- 20 other than depending on the response of the other parties to
- 21 reply to them, but we do not have any supplemental additions up
- 22 to what was submitted in our filing last week.
- 23 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 24 And what about the Lead Co Lawyers for civil party, do you wish
- 25 to make any comment on this issue?

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- 1 MR. PICH ANG:
- 2 Good morning, Mr. President and Your Honours.
- 3 Regarding the request by the Co Prosecutors for witnesses, we
- 4 fully support the submission as the witnesses proposed by the Co
- 5 Prosecutors will provide clear evidence regarding the events
- 6 occurred at Tuol Po Chrey, namely the transportation of those who
- 7 were taken to Tuol Po Chrey and what happened there next. The
- 8 witnesses can also shed light on the various stages of
- 9 infrastructures of the Khmer Rouge leadership as well as the
- 10 crimes committed at that location. So the request made by the Co
- 11 Prosecutors is appropriate and I fully support it.
- 12 [09.12.28]
- 13 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 14 Thank you.
- 15 And what about the two defence teams? First for the Nuon Chea
- 16 defence, do you wish to make any comment or observation to
- 17 respond to the submission made by the Co Prosecutors? That is,
- 18 the request for the witnesses regarding the events at Tuol Po
- 19 Chrey. If so, you may proceed.
- 20 MR. KOPPE:
- 21 Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours. Good
- 22 morning, counsel.
- 23 We do not have many submissions to make other than saying that we
- 24 have read the request with interest, especially in the light of
- 25 the recent opposition from the Prosecution to our request to have

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1 witness TCW 382 summonsed. As you know, TCW 382 was one of the

- 2 producers of the film, "One Day at Po Chrey". We think this
- 3 witness is very important to shed further light on the events
- 4 that happened at Tuol Po Chrey, especially his knowledge when it
- 5 comes to people that have appeared in the film. So that
- 6 opposition regarding our witness at Tuol Po Chrey was interesting
- 7 especially in the light of this new request.
- 8 [09.14.07]
- 9 However, we would like to point out and draw the Chamber's
- 10 attention to our own filing that was E291 that was an urgent
- 11 request to summons key witnesses in respect of Tuol Po Chrey that
- 12 was dated on the 17th of June 2013. In that request, we have
- 13 asked the Chamber to summons one of the witnesses that is now
- 14 being asked by the Prosecution that will be TCW 644. We have
- 15 listed him to be heard in our request, but in that same request -
- 16 E291 we have also requested the summonsing of two additional
- 17 witness, 802 and 803, because our reasoning in respect of that
- 18 request was that all relevant witnesses mentioned in the Closing
- 19 Order, or anywhere else in respect to Tuol Po Chrey, should be
- 20 summonsed before the Chamber.
- 21 So having noted this, then, of course, we do not object to TCW
- 22 644 being summonsed by the Chamber, but then we would like to add
- 23 that our request to have those two additional witnesses also be
- 24 summonsed.
- 25 [09.15.42]

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- 1 In respect of this new witness, this person, I don't think has a
- 2 TCW number yet, the person that is coming from the list of civil
- 3 parties in Case 003 and 004, we note that whatever he has been
- 4 saying about the events at Tuol Po Chrey are not very convincing
- 5 in describing the alleged facts. There is no, it seems, direct
- 6 testimony coming from him in a statement, just a brief summary of
- 7 the things that he might have seen or might have heard. But
- 8 extending the same reasoning to this particular new witness, of
- 9 course, we have in principle no problem when this witness is
- 10 summonsed. We feel that the events at Tuol Po Chrey should be
- 11 examined as extensively as possible. We still uphold that there
- 12 is no evidence, no convincing evidence of executions and there's
- 13 certainly no evidence whatsoever of any connection between these
- 14 executions and any ordering from the side of the Party set.
- 15 [09.17.01]
- 16 We noticed that the Prosecution is saying in its request that
- 17 they are having, or so it seems, problems with the question
- 18 whether there is enough evidence. We agree with that position and
- 19 any light new light that can be shed on the events, of course,
- 20 the Nuon Chea defence team welcomes that, but not without
- 21 reiterating and underlining the importance of our own request of
- 22 last week to have TCW 382, the producer of the movie, "One Day at
- 23 Po Chrey", be summonsed as well.
- 24 Thank you.
- 25 MR. PRESIDENT:

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- 1 Thank you.
- 2 And Madam Counsel, you may proceed.
- 3 [09.18.01]
- 4 MS. GUISSÉ:
- 5 Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning to you and good morning to
- 6 all of the parties.
- 7 I will not take up much of your time. At the previous Trial
- 8 Management Meeting, we said that we would leave it up to the
- 9 Chamber to assess the need for calling new witnesses. On this
- 10 fact, we note that witnesses have already come to testify about
- 11 Tuol Po Chrey and now what they have said seems apparently not to
- 12 suffice for the Co Prosecutor and they are asking for more
- 13 witnesses, but I think at some stage you have to draw to a close
- on this kind of procedure. That, I think, needs highlighting.
- 15 If the evidence is inadequate, perhaps one should draw the
- 16 logical legal conclusion, which is that perhaps there isn't
- 17 enough evidence quite simply. Those are the only conclusions I
- 18 wish to draw at this stage on the request by the Co Prosecutors.
- 19 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 20 [09.19.04]
- 21 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 22 Thank you, Counsel.
- 23 The prosecutor, you may proceed.
- 24 MR. LYSAK:
- 25 Thank you, Mr. President.

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- 1 I will be brief in view of counsel being relatively brief in
- 2 their responses. Let me start by responding to the Khieu Samphan
- 3 defence.
- 4 The Co Prosecutors' position is certainly not that the evidence
- 5 is insufficient. It is rather, as stated in our motion, that the
- 6 Court has heard from several witnesses regarding what was the
- 7 first step or first stage in the events at Tuol Po Chrey, the
- 8 gathering of the Lon Nol officials and soldiers at the Pursat
- 9 Provincial Hall. We've heard from a number of witnesses about the
- 10 transportation by truck of these individuals to the Tuol Po Chrey
- 11 site.
- 12 [09.20.19]
- 13 What we believe would be useful to the Chamber is to hear from
- 14 two witnesses who were at the execution site: one a local
- 15 villager who came the next day and saw the bodies and can
- 16 describe the scene there, and the second possibility, a new civil
- 17 party from Case 004, whose statement and it is hard sometimes
- 18 for us to interpret these statements because we get simply a
- 19 brief English summary of the party's civil party application -
- 20 but it clear from the application that this was an individual, a
- 21 soldier, who was at says he was at the execution site.
- 22 It seems to us on the Prosecution side that with the Defence
- 23 continuing to say that there is no evidence of killings, with
- 24 witnesses available who were at the execution site, that it would
- 25 be beneficial to hear these witnesses. And that is the reason for

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- 1 the Co Prosecutors' request.
- 2 [09.21.32]
- 3 In response to the Nuon Chea defence comparison to TCW 382, I
- 4 don't think that is a fair comparison. They're requesting a film
- 5 producer be called who, it is clear from the email that we saw
- 6 last week, has very little understanding of the events at this
- 7 location. In this email, his lack of understanding of his own
- 8 film is so extreme. He was criticizing an accurate description of
- 9 the film he released in the Phnom Penh Post. That is how little
- 10 this individual has to offer this Chamber.
- 11 In comparison, the people we are proposing are people who were at
- 12 the execution site, people who have contemporaneous knowledge of
- 13 these events. So I think the comparison from the Defence to a
- 14 film producer is inappropriate. And other than that, we have no
- 15 other comments in response to the other party's submissions.
- 16 [09.22.48]
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 Thank you, Mr. Prosecutor.
- 19 The Chamber will deliberate and make a decision in due course.
- 20 There is another issue.
- 21 On the 18th July 2013, the Co Prosecutors' requested the Chamber
- 22 to reconsider its decision not to recall Civil Party Sar Sarin.
- 23 Although the Internal Rules do not provide for reconsideration of
- 24 Trial Chamber decisions, this Chamber generally does not
- 25 entertain applications concerning matters upon which it has

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- 1 already ruled. It notes that the Lead Co Lawyers have given
- 2 preliminary notice that they wish to be heard on this
- 3 application. They will be given 20 minutes and each defence team
- 4 10 minutes should they wish to respond.
- 5 And for that reason, the floor is now given to the Lead Co
- 6 Lawyers for civil parties to express their opinion on this
- 7 request made by the Co Prosecutors for the recalling of Civil
- 8 Party Sar Sarin.
- 9 [09.24.24]
- 10 MR. PICH ANG:
- 11 Once again, Mr. President, Your Honours, the Lead Co the
- 12 lawyer, Ven Pov, will be assigned to speak on this point and then
- 13 the International Lead Co Lawyer will continue.
- 14 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 15 Yes, you may proceed.
- 16 MR. VEN POV:
- 17 Good morning, Mr. President, Your Honours, and good morning
- 18 everyone in and around the courtroom.
- 19 In order to respond to the request made by the Co Prosecutors for
- 20 the Chamber to reconsider its decision not to recall my civil
- 21 party, Sar Sarin. As a lawyer for the civil party, I fully
- 22 support that request in the framework that he shall be summoned
- 23 as a civil party. The request made by the Co Prosecutor that this
- 24 civil party refused to testify and that he shall be sanctioned
- 25 based on Internal Rule 35, I do not agree with this request.

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- 1 [09.25.55]
- 2 What has been submitted by the Prosecution regarding Internal
- 3 Rule 35 is inappropriate. The fact is, my civil party does not
- 4 violate the Internal Rule 35, and my civil party client, Sar
- 5 Sarin, was recognized by this Chamber as a civil party in Case
- 6 002. He was summoned by the civil party (sic) and he shall be
- 7 heard so as a civil party, and for that reason he is a party to
- 8 this proceeding. And, referring to Rule 23.4 of the ECCC Internal
- 9 Rule, which states that civil party shall not be questioned as an
- 10 ordinary witness in this case.
- 11 And another point that I wish to bring to Your Honours attention
- 12 is that my client refused to testify previously was based on the
- 13 reason that he gave on the 29th of April. It was relation to the
- 14 fear and his personal security as well as that of his family
- 15 members. He was of grave concern after the return from the
- 16 testimony from this Chamber. And Your Honour actually ruled on
- 17 that decision that is, on the day of the testimony on the 29th
- 18 April, and in reference to your memorandum of understanding on
- 19 the 28th of June this year, Your Honour states clearly that the
- 20 civil party shall not be coerced to testify within the framework
- 21 of the ECCC Internal Rule that is, in reference to Rule 23.4.
- 22 [09.28.20]
- 23 And another point, this is again in regards to the request by the
- 24 Co Prosecutors to reconsider his status as a civil party. It is
- 25 my submission that that request is not appropriate and for that

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- 1 reason I objected to it. My client is willing to participate in
- 2 this proceeding in his capacity as a civil party, and the reason
- 3 for his refusal was given in his reasons that is, his personal
- 4 safety and the safety of his family members.
- 5 He stated clearly on the 29th of April, during his testimony
- 6 regarding a murder of Mr. Haing Ngor who was a film star in the
- 7 infamous "Killing Fields" movie, who was murdered in the United
- 8 States in 1996. And based on the statement of Duch, which was
- 9 stated in the transcript before this Court, which was held on the
- 10 25th of November 2009, the document is E3/80 83.1; ERN in Khmer
- 11 is 00406939; and in English, 00406730; and in French-
- 12 THE INTERPRETER:
- 13 The interpreter cannot get the ERN number. Please, ask the
- 14 speaker to repeat.
- 15 [09.30.18]
- 16 MR. VEN POV:
- 17 My client is fearful of his safety, as in the case in the murder
- 18 of Haing Ngor. The request made by my client to the Chamber on
- 19 the 29th of April 2013 was made and the request was subsequently
- 20 rejected by Your Honour on the same day.
- 21 In the case that the Chamber recalled my client, he shall be
- 22 recalled as a civil party without being forced to testify before
- 23 Your Honour, and if it is possible, security measures shall be
- 24 granted to him for his personal safety.
- 25 And I'd like now to hand the floor to my international

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- 1 counterpart. Thank you.
- 2 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 3 Thank you.
- 4 You may now proceed.
- 5 [09.31.42]
- 6 MS. SIMONNEAU-FORT:
- 7 (No interpretation) ...that Mr. Sar Sarin thank you, Mr.
- 8 President, Your Honours. Thank you everyone here present. Thank
- 9 you for the opportunity to give us of giving us the opportunity
- 10 to elaborate on the request made by the Co Prosecutors regarding
- 11 Sar Sarin.
- 12 My learned colleague has already presented the concerns regarding
- 13 this witness, and it is his right. The Co Prosecutors have raised
- 14 a number of legal arguments which appear to be well-founded.
- 15 Since your Chamber will define the jurisprudence regarding the
- 16 stages and the role of civil parties, it is therefore our duty to
- 17 explain why each of these arguments are not well-founded and
- 18 should not be used as a basis for decisions.
- 19 [09.33.05]
- 20 There are two important points in the application by the Co
- 21 Prosecutors. The first point is aimed at showing why the civil
- 22 party should be considered as a witness and should therefore be
- 23 allowed to appear. The second point in the submissions of the Co
- 24 Prosecutor is that the Chamber can sanction the civil party by
- 25 depriving that civil party of his or her status. Let me further

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- 1 elaborate regarding considering the civil party as a witness and
- 2 calling him, and that is the first time he will be summoned.
- 3 I observe with regret that over the past two years I have tried
- 4 to explain why a civil party is not a witness, and I hope that
- 5 this time around I will succeed. I observe that the rules
- 6 referred to by the Co Prosecutors are interpreted in a manner
- 7 that is contrary to what the civil party status really means. I
- 8 will say a word on that:
- 9 It is said that a civil party can be obliged by the Chamber to
- 10 appear, pursuant to Rule 41 of the Internal Rules, and in French
- 11 the word is "convocation", in English, "summons". If we analyze
- 12 this rule we should refer to the French because this rule is
- 13 drawn from civil law and consequently its meaning should be
- 14 considered in the French sense. In French, "convocation" does not
- 15 entail an obligation.
- 16 [09.34.55]
- 17 In the French civil procedure code, and I'll return to that
- 18 later, when there's an obligatory component there are specific
- 19 rules that penalize someone who is summoned and doesn't appear.
- 20 And let me say that this is never the case for the civil party,
- 21 so we should refer to the French term "convocation". It does not
- 22 have a coercive component.
- 23 I also note that the Co Prosecutor refers to note 16, that is
- 24 paragraph 7, in the brief Rule 80 base, according to the Co
- 25 Prosecutors we can say that the civil party is obliged to respond

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- 1 to a summons. I have read Rule 90 and I have not found anything
- 2 in line with this argument.
- 3 [09.35.58]
- 4 The second argument by the Co Prosecutor is a reference to a
- 5 source of law, particularly French law, and it is note 23 of
- 6 their brief, contained in paragraph 8 of that brief, and here
- 7 again regarding note 23, the Co Prosecutor refers to Article 312
- 8 of the Code of Penal Procedure. I don't see how there is coercion
- 9 in this article. It simply says that all the parties can put
- 10 questions to the accused as well as to the civil parties. I am
- 11 still trying to find out why an obligation to appear would be
- 12 coercive.
- 13 In note 23, reference is also made to Article 346 of the code of
- 14 criminal procedure and the article is quoted in the brief and
- 15 that quotation and reference to note 23, and the reference to
- 16 Article 346 of the French penal code. That article in the French
- 17 penal code refers to the fact that the civil party has the
- 18 possibility of speaking at the end of the proceedings.
- 19 This is an option and there is also case law in support of this
- 20 article in France and it is clearly said that it is a right for
- 21 the civil party, and not using that right does not affect the
- 22 rights of the Defence. As a matter of fact, in note 23, pursuant
- 23 to Article 346, the citation made in the brief is Article 329 of
- 24 the French Code of Criminal Procedure and this article refers
- 25 exclusively to witnesses and on no account to civil parties.

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- 1 [09.38.17]
- 2 Lastly, my third point in this first argument raised by the Co
- 3 Prosecutors is note 31, which states that the fact that a civil
- 4 party, as well as a witness, can only remain silent if they
- 5 self-incriminate themselves. And reference is made to the
- 6 footnotes to Rule 28 of your internal rules, which exclusively
- 7 refers to witnesses. There isn't a single reference to civil
- 8 parties, and there are indeed specific obligations as far as
- 9 witnesses are concerned. The same applies to paragraph 14 of the
- 10 Co Prosecutors' brief, still with regard to the testimony that
- 11 self-incriminates and it says that notes 46 and 48 still refer to
- 12 note 28 which does not apply to civil parties.
- 13 The last point in the first argument by the Co Prosecutors, and
- 14 it is paragraph 16 of their brief; the Prosecutors refer to the
- 15 fact that by remaining silent and refusing to appear the civil
- 16 party can be likened to persons who disrupt the course of
- 17 justice. All the articles refer to consist of jurisprudence
- 18 that have to do with witnesses and therefore do not concern civil
- 19 parties and so they cannot be applicable to civil parties in this
- 20 trial.
- 21 [09.40.06]
- 22 Regarding the second point, I will try to be more brief. To
- 23 conclude, let me point out that in light of the sources of law,
- 24 we find that the French penal code penalizes certain persons who
- 25 do not respond to a summons and it is only witnesses who are

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- 1 penalized, and these articles, 437 and 438 of the French penal
- 2 code, they only concern witnesses.
- 3 As for the Cambodian Code of Criminal Procedure, which your
- 4 Chamber refers to we should read Article 153 of the Cambodian
- 5 penal code, which again refers explicitly to witnesses in the
- 6 case where such witnesses refuse to heed a summons issued by an
- 7 Investigating Judge. We should also refer to Article 315 of the
- 8 Cambodian penal code which penalizes exclusively witnesses who
- 9 refuse to respond favourably to a summons by your Chamber.
- 10 [09.41.19]
- 11 Let me point out that this article, 315, which refers to
- 12 witnesses, should be considered with three other articles that
- 13 are referred to in the Cambodian penal code, and they refer to
- 14 persons who would be penalized if they do not heed the summons.
- 15 Now, regarding the third point of the Co Prosecutors' brief, the
- 16 Co Prosecutors are asking the Chamber to sanction civil parties
- 17 who refuse to appear, and they argue that their status as civil
- 18 parties can be withdrawn and that they would be considered as
- 19 witnesses. And it's footnote 69 of the Co Prosecutors' brief.
- 20 That note refers to Article 23bis.5 of the internal rules.
- 21 Article 23bis.5 of the internal rules explains precisely that the
- 22 civil parties have the right to decide at any point in time
- 23 during the preliminary stage to waive their right as civil
- 24 parties. So this is a civil party's right. So I wonder why you
- 25 can withdraw what is a right and how can the Chamber consider

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- 1 that as a penalty. A penalty must be written, it is not so
- 2 written in the internal rules, which is quite normal, it is
- 3 therefore impossible for your Chamber to penalize such civil
- 4 party.
- 5 [09.43.14]
- 6 And again, to conclude, I regret having to make these
- 7 explanations today but I believe it is important that your
- 8 Chamber should remind all the parties of the status and rights of
- 9 civil parties, because you are the first Bench to do so in
- 10 international justice and we cannot say that civil parties can be
- 11 likened to witnesses and can therefore be penalized. I therefore
- 12 request that the legal arguments of the Co Prosecutors be
- 13 rejected for reasons I've just given and to consider that these
- 14 arguments can on no account serve as a basis for an amendment of
- 15 your decision on the subject.
- 16 I thank you.
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 Thank you.
- 19 Now, the floor is given to the defence team if you wish to
- 20 respond to this observation by the Lead Co Lawyer for the civil
- 21 parties.
- 22 [09.44.50]
- 23 MR. KOPPE:
- 24 No translation through, Mr. President, but just a very quick
- 25 reply. The Prosecution has laid down your legal test for

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- 1 reconsideration. It says, and I think that it is correct, the pre
- 2 Trial Chamber found that it has an inherent power to reconsider
- 3 one of its previous decisions in three circumstances. One, when a
- 4 change of circumstance permits it; two, when the Court finds its
- 5 previous decision was erroneous; or three, when the decision has
- 6 caused an injustice.
- 7 I have heard or read earlier no argument that there is a change
- 8 of circumstances; I see no reasons to say or to argue that the
- 9 previous decision of the Trial Chamber was erroneous; and
- 10 certainly, that the early decision has caused any injustice, so I
- 11 don't think there is any ground for reconsidering your earlier
- 12 decisions.
- 13 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 14 Thank you, Mr. Victor Koppe, for your observation.
- 15 And Mr. Kong Sam Onn, you may proceed now.
- 16 [09.46.15]
- 17 MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 18 Thank you, Mr. President, and good morning, Your Honours, and
- 19 good morning to all parties.
- 20 I have only a brief observation in respect of the request by the
- 21 application by the Co Prosecutor for your Chamber's
- 22 reconsideration of recalling Civil Party Sar Sarin and the
- 23 request for various measures to be taken by the Chamber.
- 24 The clarification by the Lead Co Lawyers for the civil party, I
- 25 partly concur with their point; however, there are a few other

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- 1 points that I believe that I can enlighten the Chamber so that
- 2 the Chamber has the basis for its consideration and decision.
- 3 Now, concerning the summoning or recalling of Civil Party Sar
- 4 Sarin, as per the request by the Co Prosecutor, we are of the
- 5 opinion that even though within the purview of the Chamber
- 6 discretion that the Chamber may decide to recall civil parties
- 7 also involuntarily but this is against the willingness of this
- 8 particular civil party that he wished not to make any further
- 9 clarification or testifying to this Chamber provided that he not
- 10 be provided with the appropriate protective measure.
- 11 [09.47.54]
- 12 If the Chamber decides to recall Civil Party Sar Sarin, I don't
- 13 think that this is useful because he has already stated his
- 14 position very clearly. Now, with respect to the status of Mr. Sar
- 15 Sarin, according to the prosecutors' request his status shall be
- 16 withdrawn or changed to that of the witness, and I believe that
- 17 this request is not appropriate because the civil party is
- 18 entitled to certain rights.
- 19 Over the past many years in the start of our proceedings, Mr. Sar
- 20 Sarin has appeared before this Chamber as the civil party, but in
- 21 the last minute the Prosecution requests that Mr. Sar Sarin be -
- 22 status be changed to civil party, and he also suggests that
- 23 coercive measure may be considered in this respect, and I believe
- 24 that this is not appropriate.
- 25 [09.49.23]

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- 1 Mr. Sar Sarin appeared as a civil party in Case 002/01, and his
- 2 intention was clear. It was to tell the Court of his suffering
- 3 and harms that he has sustained, and he also requests for
- 4 reparation for the harm he has sustained. And he appears before
- 5 this Chamber to enlighten the Chamber in relation to the facts so
- 6 that the Chamber would take his account of facts into
- 7 consideration for its decision. And in any case, Mr. Sar Sarin
- 8 shall not be forced to change his status from being a civil party
- 9 to that of a witness, and that is provided explicitly in Rule 23.
- 10 And the civil party may appear before the Chamber as a victim who
- 11 has sustained morally or physically and psychologically from the
- 12 alleged crimes.
- 13 And I believe that the application by the prosecutor is not
- 14 appropriate because if a person who is a victim who has already
- 15 expressed his harms and suffering from the alleged crime, this
- 16 person would not be in the position to provide a balanced
- 17 testimony or balanced evidence to the Chamber. And in addition, I
- 18 am of the view that the prosecutor might be err in its
- 19 consideration of the change of status of Mr. Stephen Heder from
- 20 being an expert to the witness, but I believe that with this
- 21 particular civil party this is completely different, because the
- 22 subject matter is different and the status of witness in civil
- 23 party must be clearly distinguished.
- 24 [09.52.02]
- 25 MR. PRESIDENT:

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- 1 Thank you, for your observation.
- 2 And Mr. Prosecutor, you may proceed.
- 3 Mr. Prosecutor, please hold on because the international lawyer
- 4 for Mr. Khieu Samphan is on her feet.
- 5 You may proceed, Counsel.
- 6 MS. GUISSÉ:
- 7 Yes, thank you, Mr. President.
- 8 We have been having problems with the channels this morning.
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 It appears that there is a problem with the interpretation. Court
- 11 Officer, could you please check with the interpreting booth to
- 12 make sure that everything is working well.
- 13 Now, it works well, and Counsel, you may proceed.
- 14 [09.53.06]
- 15 MS. GUISSÉ:
- 16 Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I will be extremely brief.
- 17 I just want to say that we, for once, endorse the legal analysis
- 18 by the civil party Lead Co Lawyers and we completely agree with
- 19 them that the status of witness and the civil status of civil
- 20 party cannot be likened to one another.
- 21 For the record, let me remind the Chamber of submissions we made
- 22 in March 2013 E67 in which we stated that the Accused and the
- 23 civil parties had a specific status before this Chamber. It's
- 24 unfortunate that we are going from the Co Prosecutors' brief and
- 25 requesting the civil party, Sar Sarin, to appear and the civil

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- 1 party simply abided by their right not to appear, and it is their
- 2 right. And they are now being we are now being asked to
- 3 penalize them.
- 4 [09.54.26]
- 5 So we should remind the Co Prosecutors of what have been said by
- 6 the civil party Lead Co Lawyer, that your decision stands and
- 7 there is no need to reconsider that decision. And so the Co
- 8 Prosecutors' application should be quite simply rejected.
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 Thank you.
- 11 Mr. Prosecutor, you may proceed.
- 12 Mr. Prosecutor, please hold on. The National Lead Co Lawyer for
- 13 the civil party, do you have anything to say?
- 14 [09.55.05]
- 15 MR. PICH ANG:
- 16 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 17 I apologize; I would like to clarify on one issue before the
- 18 prosecutor may respond.
- 19 I of course, counsel Anta Guissé is misrepresenting the point
- 20 of the Lead Co Lawyer for the civil parties. Our position is very
- 21 clear. We want Mr. Sar Sarin to appear before this Chamber, and
- $\,$  22  $\,$  we also seek appropriate measures by the Chamber so that he can
- 23 come to testify with confidence, and he must and he do not have
- 24 any fear coming to testify before this Chamber.
- 25 So once again, I believe that the counsel is misrepresenting our

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- 1 position and I would like to reiterate once again that our civil
- 2 party would like to testify before this Chamber. He really wants
- 3 to enlighten the Chamber and the public at large and he wants to
- 4 contribute to ascertaining the truth. This is my point of
- 5 clarification, Mr. President. Thank you.
- 6 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 7 Thank you.
- 8 Mr. Prosecutor, please proceed.
- 9 [09.56.25]
- 10 MR. LYSAK:
- 11 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 12 Let me make a few points in response to what has been said this
- 13 morning.
- 14 First, let it be very clear, we are not arguing that Sar Sarin
- 15 should be treated as a witness, rather that he be treated as a
- 16 party to this proceeding. Parties to legal proceedings have
- 17 obligations; they have rights, they also have obligations.
- 18 With regard to the authority of the Chamber to summons Sar Sarin
- 19 to testify, we believe it is clear, under the internal rules. I
- 20 will not repeat the discussion of the rules that is in our
- 21 filing, but we wish to highlight two provisions. Rule 41, which
- 22 my friend has raised this morning, Rule 41.1 clearly states that
- 23 a summons is an order to any person to appear before the ECCC and
- 24 that it may be issued to a civil party, and Rule 41.5 is even
- 25 more specific. It states quote: "At the trial stage and beyond,

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- 1 civil parties may be summoned through the civil party Lead Co
- 2 Lawyers."
- 3 [09.57.53]
- 4 And, Your Honours, this is a standard rule, not only in France
- 5 but in virtually all courts, pursuant to which parties to the
- 6 proceedings may be directly compelled by the Court through an
- 7 order to their counsel. The Court does not need to send someone
- 8 out to serve a summons on someone who is a party to the
- 9 proceeding. They can issue the order directly to their counsel.
- 10 Rule 59.1 and 59.6 are also significant on this issue. Rule 59.1
- 11 provides authority to the Co Investigating Judges during the
- 12 judicial investigation to interview civil parties, and what is
- 13 particularly interesting in this rule is Rule 59.6, which
- 14 specifies certain conditions in order for an ECCC investigator,
- 15 as opposed to the Investigating Judges, to interview a civil
- 16 party. And one of the conditions in order for an investigator to
- 17 interview a civil party is Rule 59.6(a) which provides that the
- 18 civil party must quote: "Expressly agree thereto, such
- 19 agreement being mentioned in the written record of interview."
- 20 End of quote.
- 21 [09.59.28]
- 22 This requirement of agreement from a civil party only applies,
- 23 only applies when they are to be interviewed by an ECCC
- 24 investigator pursuant to a rogatory letter rather than by the
- 25 Judges. It does not apply if the Judges interview nor is this

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- 1 requirement of the agreement of the civil party extended to
- 2 testimony of civil parties before this Chamber.
- 3 Finishing on some of the rules very briefly, Rule 35, and I
- 4 sincerely hope we never get to have to deal with Rule 35, but I
- 5 would note that Rule 35 applies to any person, that is the
- 6 language. Any person who does not comply with the Court order is
- 7 subject to Rule 35. It does not only apply to witnesses.
- 8 Let me briefly comment on the inherent power that any Court has
- 9 to issue orders to parties who have appeared before it. The
- 10 reason I say that we do not ask you to treat Sar Sarin as a
- 11 witness at this stage is because you have more authority over
- 12 parties than you do over witnesses, more authority not less
- 13 authority. A party is someone who has voluntarily submitted
- 14 themselves to the jurisdiction of this Court and is asking the
- 15 Court for relief, asking the Court to issue reparations on his
- 16 behalf. And like any party who has submitted himself to the
- 17 jurisdiction of the Court, he is subject to Orders of the Court
- 18 and obligated to comply with those Orders.
- 19 [10.01.32]
- 20 No one here contends that Sar Sarin has any immunity or
- 21 privilege. He is not the king, he is not the law, he is not a
- 22 judge of this Court, he is not above the law. It is not for him
- 23 to decide whether or not he testifies; that is a power that Your
- 24 Honours have and Sar Sarin's responsibility as a party to these
- 25 proceedings is to comply with your Orders. We have addressed this

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- 1 in our Brief and the civil parties and the Defence do not contend
- 2 that the victim or civil party has a general right to remain
- 3 silent like the accused do. As indicated in our brief, it is
- 4 clear under Article 35(g) of the ECCC law that the general right
- 5 to remain silent is a right that an accused have. The reason we
- 6 cited Rule 28 is that, I would think that a civil party would
- 7 have the same right that a witness would have if a situation
- 8 arose where a question was posed to them that potentially would
- 9 incriminate them that they would have a right to exercise in that
- 10 situation. But we are not dealing with that situation here. We
- 11 are asking Sar Sarin to testify about statements, very damaging
- 12 statements made by Nuon Chea and Khieu Samphan; statements that
- 13 would incriminate the accused, not incriminate civil party.
- 14 [10.03.27]
- 15 Your Honours, the testimony of victims is an essential part of
- 16 criminal prosecutions. Most victims do not have to be compelled
- 17 to testify, they do so voluntarily because they seek justice.
- 18 Where they have legitimate and reasonable concerns for their
- 19 safety or security, appropriate measures can be taken to protect
- 20 them. There are, of course, some criminal cases where victims may
- 21 not want to cooperate and testify.
- 22 One sees this in domestic courts, for example, sometimes in cases
- 23 of family abuse or spousal abuse. And that is one of the reasons
- 24 that we bring this motion; we believe it involves a fundamental
- 25 issue regarding the authority of this Court and the obligation of

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1 victims or civil parties to provide testimony. The role or the

- 2 responsibility of the Prosecution here is to represent the
- 3 interests of all the people; to represent the public interest in
- 4 pursuing a prosecution and not just the interests of the victims.
- 5 [10.04.49]
- 6 That is why we have separate skilled counsel here whose job it is
- 7 to specifically represent the interests of the civil parties and
- 8 the victims. In order to fulfil that important public interest,
- 9 it is fundamental that any court, any court have the authority to
- 10 compel victims to testify in the rare, admittedly rare instances
- 11 where it is necessary to do so. So while victims certainly have
- 12 rights in relation to how their testimony is provided, the
- 13 possibility of protecting their identity, of testifying in closed
- 14 proceedings, of having security temporarily assigned to them,
- 15 they do not have a right to remain silent and to refuse to
- 16 testify.
- 17 Your Honours, of the over 4,000 civil parties who have joined the
- 18 Case 002 proceedings, these people these are good people. They
- 19 are victims of this period who have taken valuable time out of
- 20 their lives to become part of these proceedings, to share their
- 21 stories, to seek justice for the victims of the Khmer Rouge. Sar
- 22 Sarin is not a typical civil party, nor is he an example or role
- 23 model for the other civil parties. The role models, the people
- 24 who exemplify what it means to be a civil party are those who
- 25 came to this courtroom, sat in that box and despite the

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- 1 difficulty of reliving their years, have the courage to testify
- 2 about what happened to them.
- 3 [10.07.00]
- 4 The people who exemplify being a civil party are those that have
- 5 come to be with us here in this courtroom every day. Every day
- 6 people, civil parties have taken the time to come to this
- 7 courtroom to remind us of what this case is about. Sar Sarin is
- 8 somewhat atypical because he was a cadre during the DK period who
- 9 received political training from both Nuon Chea and Khieu Samphan
- 10 and therefore, he has somewhat unique information that
- 11 distinguishes him from most other civil parties. That is clear
- 12 from his DC-Cam interview which we have put before Your Honours.
- 13 I would note briefly that Mr. Sar Sarin was very well aware when
- 14 he provided this detailed interview to DC-Cam, that this
- information would be provided to the Court.
- 16 [10.08.08]
- 17 At the very start of his DC-Cam interview, which is document
- D230/1/1/874(c), the DC-Cam representative informed him that his
- 19 interview may be submitted to the Court afterwards and Sar Sarin
- 20 responded quote: "Yes, no problem. I am happy and would also
- 21 like to testify before a court of law for the prosecutions of
- 22 those senior leaders."
- 23 Sar Sarin was also told and agreed that his interview could be
- 24 used in DC-Cam's magazine, "Searching for Truth". He then
- 25 proceeded to provide an extremely detailed account of speeches of

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- 1 Nuon Chea and Khieu Samphan. I will not repeat all of what is in
- 2 our brief, but I do want to reiterate here that an important part
- 3 of those speeches reflect the policy targeting former officials
- 4 and soldiers of the Lon Nol regime. For example, he described a
- 5 speech of Nuon Chea as follows quote: "Regarding CIA, we must
- 6 smash the CIA of America. It is easy to smash the CIA -
- 7 [10.09.43]
- 8 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 9 Mr. Prosecutor, please hold on. I noticed that the defence
- 10 counsel for Khieu Samphan is on her feet. You may proceed.
- 11 MS. GUISSÉ:
- 12 Excuse me, Mr. President, I am intervening here to object because
- 13 we are moving away from the question of whether or not there is
- 14 any need to reconsider this question and what is the response of
- 15 the Co-Prosecutors are bringing into the question of whether or
- 16 not a civil party can be forced to come and testify before the
- 17 Chamber. Here we seem to be subtly sliding off in the direction
- 18 of an argument by the Co-Prosecutor about the testimony that he
- 19 might have expected Mr. Sar Sarin to give and this is not the
- 20 right time or place for that. Here, were are making an oral
- 21 submission with observations on the subject of whether or not
- 22 there are elements that make it possible to force Mr. Sar Sarin
- 23 to come and testify as a civil party and that's the point that
- 24 the Co-Prosecutors are meant to be answering about.
- 25 [10.10.55]

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- 1 There is a very important element that hasn't been brought up in
- 2 this courtroom yet, but which is in your decision and that is the
- 3 WESU E29/460 document where there's a detailed interview with Mr.
- 4 Sar Sarin on the conditions under which he would or not like to
- 5 come before this Chamber. I think this is what we should be
- 6 looking at rather than going into excessive detail on the DC-Cam
- 7 document and about what the Co-Prosecutor might wish to interpret
- 8 from what Sar Sarin said. I do not wish us to enter into closing
- 9 arguments before the due time for such things. Thank you.
- 10 MR. LYSAK:
- 11 Mr. President, with all due respect, the Nuon Chea counsel has
- 12 challenged whether there are grounds for reconsideration and
- 13 correctly noted the test. Our motion was based on two of those
- 14 grounds: one, that the decision had a legal error, that is the
- 15 issue of whether or not the Trial Chamber has the authority to
- 16 compel Sar Sarin to appear here and testify, an issue I have
- 17 dealt with. The second ground for reconsideration is whether an
- 18 injustice would be caused and that is the reason for noting the
- 19 evidence that this witness would provide, this excuse me that
- 20 Sar Sarin would provide. This is not simply a person who would
- 21 come to court to tell his experiences as a victim; this is a
- 22 person who has compelling evidence regarding statements by Nuon
- 23 Chea and Khieu Samphan, and that is the basis for our argument
- 24 that an injustice would be done if Sar Sarin is not compelled to
- 25 appear here.

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- 1 [10.12.51]
- 2 So, if I may proceed Your Honours, to finish this quote because
- 3 it is important. We have a defence counsel here who continues
- 4 assert that there is no evidence of a policy. We have Mr. Sar
- 5 Sarin who has provided a detailed statement to DC-Cam of a speech
- 6 by Nuon Chea in which he specifically discusses the policy to
- 7 target -
- 8 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 9 The Prosecutor, please wait. The counsel for Nuon Chea, you may
- 10 proceed.
- 11 [10.13.31]
- 12 MR. KOPPE:
- 13 Mr. President, just a brief observation basically in line with
- 14 what the Khieu Samphan defence team has just argued. This is
- 15 information that we all knew when Sar Sarin was testifying here,
- 16 that he has given testimony to that alleged affect. It's nothing
- 17 new. What we would like to hear is what is new since the decision
- 18 of the Chamber not to have this person come back; that is what we
- 19 are interested in and to sort of rehash what might be the
- 20 importance of this witness, there is no place for this.
- 21 Otherwise, we would be very happy to argue our sixth request to
- 22 have witness TCW-223 summoned because we filed it yesterday; the
- 23 Chamber has said it is very clear what the content is and you
- 24 will decide upon it in due course. Why is the Prosecution now
- 25 allowed to rehash arguments which are already known to the

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- 1 Chamber?
- 2 [10.14.35]
- 3 MR. LYSAK:
- 4 Mr. President, it is -
- 5 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 6 The Prosecutor, please make your point brief. The floor is not
- 7 for you to repeat your written submission which we already have
- 8 because the Internal Rule does not specified that the Chamber
- 9 shall reconsider its own decision. However, as your request is
- 10 related to the right and the benefit of the civil party and for
- 11 that reason, the reasons were given by the Lead Co-Lawyers for
- 12 the civil parties.
- 13 [10.15.24]
- 14 And as you have noticed, so far this is the only disagreement
- 15 between the Prosecution and the Lead Co-Lawyers because your
- 16 request seems to infringe the right of their client and for that
- 17 reason, the floor is given. And, of course, the reasons were
- 18 given by the lawyers for the civil parties and the floor is not
- 19 given at length to the Prosecution to repeat your written
- 20 submission. And if you can respond, please respond briefly to
- 21 what has just been raised by the Lead Co-Lawyers for the civil
- 22 parties and that we can use it as our basis for the decision
- 23 making. And we reminded all the parties regarding this point
- 24 before we hand the floor to the parties.
- 25 MR. LYSAK:

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- 1 Thank you, Mr. President. Let me proceed let me just simply
- 2 note that one of the issues that Mr. Koppe raised, the third
- 3 ground for reconsideration whether an injustice would result, is
- 4 related to the substance of his testimony and I will not repeat
- 5 it again. It is in our various briefs.
- 6 [10.16.47]
- 7 Let me conclude by saying this, by refusing to testify and
- 8 provide the important information that he has to this Court, Sar
- 9 Sarin has let down his fellow civil parties and harmed their
- 10 interests. He violates the fundamental responsibility and
- 11 obligation that the 3,999 other civil parties have that they have
- 12 gladly fulfilled without the need for compulsion, the obligation
- 13 to provide to this Chamber, relevant information that is in their
- 14 possession. If Sar Sarin wants to be a party to these
- 15 proceedings, he must come and testify and I would hope he would
- 16 do so voluntarily, but if not, this Chamber does have the
- 17 authority to order him to testify and it should do so. And we
- 18 would respectfully submit that to order him to testify would not
- 19 infringe the rights of any civil parties, it would not be an
- 20 affront to the civil parties; quite the opposite. We believe it
- 21 would affirm the vital roles that civil parties and victims have
- 22 in these proceedings, the importance of evidence they may provide
- 23 and the fundamental responsibility they have as parties to
- 24 provide relevant evidence that assists this Chamber in
- 25 ascertaining the truth. That is our submission, Your Honour, and

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- 1 I appreciate the time. Thank you.
- 2 [10.18.37]
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Thank you, and Judge Lavergne, please take the floor. Thank you.
- 5 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 6 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 7 I do have one question to put to Mr. Sar Sarin's lawyer. This
- 8 morning we heard that as he holds, Mr. Sar Sarin would like to
- 9 come and testify; it's been said more than once including in the
- 10 courtroom this morning.
- 11 Now, we would like to know what Mr. Sar Sarin's lawyer means when
- 12 he makes this statement; does it mean that between counsel and
- 13 his client, there has been a discussion about a request for
- 14 protection measures and about the extent of any such protection
- 15 measures within the ECCC? I think the Chamber has made it clear
- 16 as indeed, WESU has as well, that a certain number of the
- 17 requests submitted by Mr. Sar Sarin are either impracticable or
- 18 unrealistic. Now today, his counsel is telling us that he would
- 19 like to come even if the protection measures are not granted; is
- 20 that right or what should one understand?
- 21 [10.20.40]
- 22 Presumably, it has been explained that it is in everybody's
- 23 interest that Mr. Sar Sarin should come and make statements in
- 24 the interests of the furtherance of justice.
- 25 MR. PICH ANG:

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- Once again, good morning Mr. President and Your Honours; to
- 2 respond to the question by Judge Lavergne, I'd like to clarify
- 3 that Sar Sarin is still intending to give his statement before
- 4 this Chamber and it is not what has been raised by the
- 5 Prosecution. When he is available and free from his work, he
- 6 always wishes to participate in the proceedings before this
- 7 Chamber; he is a tentative civil party to this case. And even
- 8 today, despite his busy schedule, Mr. Sar Sarin is here to listen
- 9 to the proceeding.
- 10 Secondly, we have had discussions with Mr. Sar Sarin regarding
- 11 other measures that can be taken so that it can relieve him of
- 12 his safety concern if he testifies. In particular, it related to
- 13 certain major issues regarding the instructions given by the
- 14 accused during the Khmer Rouge regime.
- 15 [10.22.44]
- 16 The Chamber may grant him limited measures and Mr. Sar Sarin is
- 17 of the view that appropriate measure has not yet been granted to
- 18 him. And for that reason, he still stands by his request that he
- 19 raised before this Chamber previously. And we are of the opinion
- 20 that the Chamber shall revisit the issue again so that
- 21 appropriate protective measures can be granted to Mr. Sar Sarin
- 22 when he's asserting his right to testify before this very
- 23 Chamber. He also wishes not to transfer or to change his status
- 24 from civil party to a witness.
- 25 And if my points are not clear, I am willing to raise for the

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- 1 clarification if you wish to do so.
- 2 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 3 One further point of detail, is Mr. Sar Sarin present here today
- 4 at this hearing?
- 5 MR. PICH ANG:
- 6 Yes, I met him in the Court this morning, but I cannot see him
- 7 right now. I think he's in the public hall.
- 8 (Judges deliberate)
- 9 [10.25.28]
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 Judge Lavergne, please take the floor.
- 12 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 13 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 14 Well since Mr. Sar Sarin is available, then I think he can come
- 15 into this courtroom and take his place in the box and then he can
- 16 give us the explanations that we are seeking.
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 Court Officer, please bring Mr. Sar Sarin into the courtroom.
- 19 The Prosecutor, you may proceed.
- 20 MR. LYSAK:
- 21 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 22 [10.27.18]
- 23 Just a procedural issue, if the purpose of this is to make
- 24 further enquiry with Sar Sarin regarding threats, his feelings of
- 25 the need for security and measures if that is the purpose of

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- 1 this then it would be our position that this should be done in
- 2 closed session, that the witness should be not be the civil
- 3 party should not have to talk about possible threats to him in an
- 4 open public hearing.
- 5 So if that is what we are we are going to do, it would be our
- 6 position that this should be done in closed session.
- 7 MS. SIMONNEAU-FORT:
- 8 Mr. President, I think if we are talking about protection
- 9 measures here, then we should talk about them with the person
- 10 concerned.
- 11 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 12 Counsel Victor Koppe, you may proceed.
- 13 [10.28.27]
- 14 MR. KOPPE:
- 15 I might be mistaken, Mr. President, but I thought this was
- 16 already done by WESU, we have a copy of what he wants, he wants
- 17 four bodyguards. I think why are we revisiting these
- 18 interesting requests from this civil party? I'm not quite sure
- 19 why we are doing it. And certainly why we should have the doors
- 20 closed, because actually he made the same request in a public
- 21 hearing last time.
- 22 (Judges deliberate)
- 23 [10.33.40]
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 The Chamber wishes to advise the party that the Chamber will

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- 1 conduct this questioning in public, he is present here. However,
- 2 the Chamber wishes to advise the party that parties are not
- 3 granted the floor to put the question to this individual. The
- 4 Chamber will put the question to this particular person.
- 5 Court officer is now instructed to usher in Mr. Sar Sarin.
- 6 (Mr. Sar Sarin enters courtroom)
- 7 [10.35.36]
- 8 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 9 Good morning, Mr. Sar Sarin.
- 10 The Chamber received the report from the WESU unit concerning
- 11 your rejection to come to testify before the Chamber. And the
- 12 grounds for such rejection was identical to your oral assertion
- 13 before the Court concerning your personal safety and security and
- 14 you requested that the Chamber provide you protective measures.
- 15 And the protective measure you have been requesting to the
- 16 Chamber is falling beyond the competence of the Trial Chamber.
- 17 This is not within the competence of the Trial Chamber. For this
- 18 reason, the Chamber decides not to consider recalling you to
- 19 testify again before this Chamber.
- 20 The Chamber is vested with the authority to provide certain
- 21 protective measures. However, your request for protective measure
- 22 of providing you a lifetime security protection and security
- 23 guards accompanying you and relocating you to a second country,
- 24 this is not provided for in the Internal Rule of the
- 25 Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia.

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- 1 [10.37.26]
- 2 And today, we have heard respective observations by the parties
- 3 to the proceeding, particularly the Lead Co-Lawyers for the civil
- 4 party made it explicitly clear that you still intend to testify
- 5 before this Chamber in public. This is the reiteration of the
- 6 position of the Lead Co-Lawyers for the civil party. And this has
- 7 defer slightly from your statement earlier on that unless you
- 8 were provided with the security measures that you requested the
- 9 Chamber, you would not be willing to respond to question or
- 10 testifying before this Chamber.
- 11 Can you please now reaffirm your statement, are you willing to
- 12 testify before this Chamber without any condition attached or you
- 13 are still requesting the protective measure you made to the
- 14 Chamber earlier on?
- 15 [10.38.35]
- 16 MR. SAR SARIN:
- 17 My respect to Mr. President, Judge Nil Nonn, and good morning to
- 18 Your Honours, members of the Bench.
- 19 I would like to reiterate my willingness and position concerning
- 20 my intention to testify before this Chamber. Thus far I have
- 21 submitted my request as reiterated by the President, this is the
- 22 fact and I would like to maintain this request because the
- 23 testimony that I will be providing to the Chamber has far
- 24 reaching implication. It affects Mr. Khieu Samphan and Mr. Nuon
- 25 Chea and it is not confined to only them. But when I raise this

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- 1 account, it will affect with the neighbouring country and then my
- 2 security and safety will be at risk. This is my brief
- 3 reaffirmation of that and according to the lesson I took in the
- 4 past, if we raise this event, then of course it involved other
- 5 neighbouring countries like Vietnam and other countries. And then
- 6 if I raise this issue, then they I fear of my personal security
- 7 and safety if you do not provide me protective measure or you
- 8 relocate me to a second country in the West or I can be sure that
- 9 my personal safety and security is secure, then I am not willing
- 10 to respond to the question.
- 11 [10.41.04]
- 12 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 13 Thank you, Mr. Sar Sarin.
- 14 Your Honours, do you have any question to put to Mr. Sar Sarin?
- 15 Judge Lavergne, you may proceed, please.
- 16 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 17 Yes, Mr. Sar Sarin, in order that what you are saying is fully
- 18 understood, we have heard your request for protective measures. I
- 19 believe you have also heard and apprised yourself of the report
- 20 by the victims and witness protection unit. We cannot grant your
- 21 request for protective measures, it is not possible.
- 22 So there's only one question that arises today, under these
- 23 conditions, do you accept, yes or no, to testify before this
- 24 Chamber? Is that clear to you?
- 25 [10.42.24]

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- 1 MR. SAR SARIN:
- 2 No, I don't. I only accepted to testify before this Chamber on
- 3 the condition that I am provided with the protective measure I
- 4 have requested. Otherwise, I would like to reserve my right not
- 5 to testify.
- 6 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 7 Thank you, Mr. Sar Sarin. You are now excused, you may leave the
- 8 courtroom.
- 9 On this issue, the Chamber will render its decision in due
- 10 course.
- 11 The time is now appropriate for the morning break. The Chamber
- 12 will adjourn now and resume at 11.00.
- 13 The Court is now adjourned.
- 14 (Court recesses from 1043H to 1111H)
- 15 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 16 Please be seated. The Court is now back in session and before we
- 17 move on to another topic, I would like to give the floor to Judge
- 18 Lavergne in order to clarify with the Co-Prosecutors.
- 19 You may proceed, Judge.
- 20 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 21 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 22 In fact, we have a question for the Co-Prosecutors. Bearing in
- 23 mind the appearance this morning of Mr. Sar Sarin, bearing in
- 24 mind the position that he reiterated to us, do the Co-Prosecutors
- 25 maintain their request that they have submitted concerning Civil

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- 1 Party Sar Sarin or do they wish to withdraw it?
- 2 Thank you.
- 3 [11.12.41]
- 4 MR. LYSAK:
- 5 Thank you, Judge Lavergne.
- 6 The short answer to your question is yes, we maintain our request
- 7 for the reasons that I've stated here. It is not for a civil
- 8 party to make the decision of whether or not he will testify
- 9 about this critical information. This is a matter that the Court
- 10 should decide and the Court we believe has must have the
- 11 power to compel a civil party to provide information such as
- 12 this.
- 13 So our the short answer to your question is yes, we our
- 14 request remains.
- 15 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 16 Thank you.
- 17 The Chamber now invite the Co-Prosecutor to address the Chamber,
- 18 first with respect to the request for adverse inferences to be
- 19 drawn against Khieu Samphan and Nuon Chea; and second, regarding
- 20 the admission about documentary evidence and the allocation of E3
- 21 numbers. All parties will be allowed to respond.
- 22 You may now proceed.
- 23 [11.14.04]
- 24 MR. LYSAK:
- 25 Thank you, Mr. President. I will be fairly brief on both of these

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- 1 issues.
- 2 The first issue, a request that we have made in writing regarding
- 3 the issue of adverse inferences being drawn from the Khieu's
- 4 selective refusal to respond to questions. I will not repeat the
- 5 arguments that we've made, this issue was brought up in last
- 6 Court. We simply wish to put this issue on the calendar because
- 7 before as we are approaching the close of evidence, we want -
- 8 one of the things we believe needs to be done is to schedule some
- 9 time for the Co-Prosecutors to specifically tender to the Accused
- 10 the general subjects on which we intended to submit questions, in
- 11 order to create a record on these specific issues that the
- 12 Accused are refusing to respond to.
- 13 This is important, as stated in our motion, in order for there to
- 14 be a record or a basis on which adverse inferences may be drawn.
- 15 [11.15.18]
- 16 And so the reason for us putting this on the calendar was simply
- 17 as is stated at the end of the request that we filed on the
- 18 16th of July, document E288/4/1. We would request an opportunity
- 19 in Court in the presence of the Accused to put before them the
- 20 general topics or matters on which they would have been
- 21 questioned and to have them confirm their refusal to respond to
- 22 those general subjects.
- 23 In terms of the time, my best estimate sometimes these are hard
- 24 it is hard to anticipate how this would proceed, but our best
- 25 estimate is we would need no more than one hour with each accused

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- 1 in order to do this. So that is the issue of relating to
- 2 adverse inferences.
- 3 The second issue is more of a housekeeping issue relating to
- 4 admission of documents. Again, it is our request that before the
- 5 evidence be closed that the Court issue rulings on the admission
- 6 of documents that remained to be decided. Obviously, in order for
- 7 us to do our final submissions which are already in process -
- 8 it is important for us to know what evidence is admitted and what
- 9 evidence is not admitted.
- 10 [11.17.03]
- 11 There are a number of remaining documents categories general
- 12 categories of documents on which we are awaiting rulings,
- 13 including the witness statement witness statements where there
- 14 are a large number of witness statements that were the subject of
- 15 motions and arguments, and a few additional categories relating
- 16 to certain annexes and new documents. We have also noted and I
- 17 wish to bring this to Your Honours' attention that from time to
- 18 time we discover a document that appears to us may have fallen
- 19 through the cracks in terms of receiving an E3 number, there are
- 20 a number of for example, there is a "Revolutionary Flag" that
- 21 was in our presentation to the Chamber that still only has a D
- 22 number, it appears to us that that was simply a clerical issue.
- 23 So there are a number of documents and we will submit an email of
- 24 those that we are aware, but our general point is simply that in
- 25 order for the parties to do their final submission, we do need to

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- 1 know which documents are admitted and we, of course, wish to have
- 2 E3 numbers as much as possible in order to be able to properly
- 3 reference the documents in our briefs.
- 4 [11.18.28]
- 5 Those are the two issues that we wanted to raise and that is all
- 6 that we wish to say on them.
- 7 So I thank you for Your Honours, for the time.
- 8 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 9 Thank you.
- 10 And the International Lead Co-Lawyer for civil parties, you may
- 11 proceed.
- 12 MS. SIMONNEAU-FORT:
- 13 Very briefly, Mr. President, we support both the request put by
- 14 the Co-Prosecutors. The first concerning the selective silence of
- 15 Mr. Khieu Samphan, and we support the submission E288/4/1
- 16 submitted by the Prosecution and we support the request to submit
- 17 the contents of the question to the Accused during a hearing.
- 18 [11.19.23]
- 19 As to the second request concerning documents, we too would like
- 20 as soon as possible to have a decision from the Chamber making it
- 21 quite clear what the E3 documents are and which ones can be
- 22 clearly referred to in the closing arguments and in the final
- 23 submissions.
- 24 In other words, we support both requests that have been put by
- 25 the Prosecutors.

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- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 Thank you.
- 3 And what about the defence teams, do you wish to make a comment
- 4 or respond to the two requests by the Prosecution?
- 5 Nuon Chea defence, you may proceed first.
- 6 MR. KOPPE:
- 7 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 8 [11.20.14]
- 9 Very briefly, we do of course support the second request made by
- 10 the Prosecution. The defence teams of course also need as soon as
- 11 possible insight in which documents receive are going to
- 12 receive E numbers. And in this respect I would like to remind you
- 13 of a request that we have filed and which is of which we have
- 14 sent to you a courtesy copy. We have indicated in this request
- 15 that it seems to us that you are on the verge of coming to a
- 16 decision of possibly admitting around 1,500 documents. In respect
- 17 of these documents in the light of this decision, we have filed
- 18 our request to summon witnesses in respect of the alleged policy
- 19 of targeting Khmer Republic officials. We understood that a Khmer
- 20 translation will be finished on Thursday, so then it will be
- 21 officially filed. But from the courtesy copy you can see, Mr.
- 22 President, that we have attached an exhibit with names to which
- 23 about 110 documents refer to. These are names of witnesses who
- 24 gave statements to the OCIJ.
- 25 [11.21.45]

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- 1 And we would like to draw attention to this list in order to
- 2 maybe convince the Chamber to give priority to giving E numbers
- 3 in respect of a document.
- 4 So if it is, indeed, the decision of the Chamber to have these
- 5 specific documents given E numbers, then we would like to have
- 6 the Chamber give these specific documents that we refer to in our
- 7 annex priority. But in general, of course, we do support the
- 8 position of the Prosecution. We need as soon as possible to have
- 9 clear which documents are, in fact, getting E numbers.
- 10 In respect of the question of adverse inferences, we do feel that
- 11 this question is really a matter of closing arguments. I'm not
- 12 quite sure what the relevance or the purpose would be to give our
- 13 clients a list of topics on which questions were supposed to be
- 14 asked.
- 15 [11.22.57]
- 16 We can all predict the topics that the Prosecution and the civil
- 17 parties were intending to ask questions on, so I'm not sure what
- 18 the relevance of this is. But at the end of the day, it is a
- 19 decision which the Trial Chamber which the Trial Chamber can
- 20 only do something in its end decision with, so there's there's
- 21 nothing at this stage that the Trial Chamber can do with any
- 22 submissions in relation to this specific topic.
- 23 So we do not see the relevance of or we don't see the purpose
- 24 of doing this right now since it is a typical subject belonging
- 25 to the closing arguments and the closing briefs. So we would

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- 1 object to this session of an hour in which these documents are
- 2 presented.
- 3 The Nuon Chea defence team knows what the law what the case law
- 4 is, if any, in respect of the possible drawing of adverse
- 5 inferences. We do not agree with the position of the Prosecution
- 6 and we will address the issue, obviously, where it should be
- 7 addressed, and that is in our closing briefs and closing
- 8 arguments.
- 9 [11.24.13]
- 10 So I really see no no point, no necessity, no urgent need to
- 11 have this done at this stage of the proceedings. We have properly
- 12 advised our client what the the possible consequences, if any,
- 13 would be if he would remain silent. He chose very deliberately to
- 14 remain silent after the events, the particular events of last
- 15 Tuesday.
- 16 In this respect, I can inform the Chamber that we are presently
- 17 preparing a formal withdrawal of the notification in which our
- 18 client had earlier indicated that he would answer questions.
- 19 Hopefully, we will finish this withdrawal of notification today
- 20 so that it is quite clear and there can be no argument as to why
- 21 our client decided last Wednesday to remain silent invoke his
- 22 right to remain silent.
- 23 But these are all, at the end of the day, matters that you that
- 24 the Chamber has to take into consideration when coming to its
- 25 final decision, and so there's no place we repeat that, we

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- 1 reiterate this particular point to have that done at this stage
- 2 of the proceedings.
- 3 [11.25.35]
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 Thank you.
- 6 And the counsel for Khieu Samphan, you may proceed.
- 7 MS. GUISSÉ:
- 8 Thank you, Mr. President. I will be very brief at this stage
- 9 because we intend to respond to E288/4/1 in writing to the
- 10 prosecutors. But I would like officially to restate what we did
- 11 already say at the previous hearing before this Chamber, namely,
- 12 that this presentation of issues upon which the Prosecution
- 13 believes that adverse inferences can be drawn against the Accused
- 14 belong in the closing arguments and not here at this juncture.
- 15 We have the French translation or rather, we do not have the 14
- 16 pages in French translation and we do not interpret the text in
- 17 the consequences in the same manner as the Co-Prosecutors, and we
- 18 believe that we are entitled to receive a precise written
- 19 response with the necessary case law references as well.
- 20 [11.27.00]
- 21 But let me say that on the issue of principle, we oppose the
- 22 Co-Prosecutor's request. That is the first point.
- 23 On the second matter, the allocation of E3 numbers and the
- 24 possibility of having a precise list of E3s set by the Chamber,
- 25 we've already brought this up, in fact, at the last TMM and I

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- 1 believe that we all agree in this Chamber that this is a very
- 2 important point because we need to know which documents have been
- 3 judged admissible and we need to know on what particular
- 4 documents you will, of course, base your conclusions.
- 5 This brings me to a third point that was also brought up at a
- 6 prior stage but which is, in fact, connected with the E3s, as I
- 7 see it, because I want to refer you to translation problems and
- 8 to necessary time lines for revising the transcripts of the
- 9 hearings. We stressed this when we saw occasionally that there
- 10 were problems of translation or interpretation which led
- 11 sometimes to mistakes being made in testimony, and it's very
- 12 important for Khieu Samphan's team and perhaps we are not alone
- 13 in this. Perhaps on the civil party side it's the same thing. But
- 14 we are going to be working on the transcripts in French and I
- 15 think we need to have a discussion in this Chamber about these
- 16 documents. And we asked for a fortnight's time to look at these
- 17 documents, and it's very important that we are, given that our
- 18 resources are limited. We only have one person within our team
- 19 who is in a position to be able to make a comparison between the
- 20 three languages and to bring any translation problems to the
- 21 fore.
- 22 [11.29.10]
- 23 We will be making submissions on this subject, but I wanted to
- 24 give you a forewarning of that because what we are seeking is a
- 25 final debate on that is the same for all parties, that it's a

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- 1 level playing field between the English, French or Khmer
- 2 speakers. And we believe, therefore, that this point does need to
- 3 be stressed in connection with the E3 documents because you have
- 4 to know what we're going to be basing what this Court is going
- 5 to be basing itself on for the purposes of the final submissions.
- 6 Thank you for hearing me out, Mr. President.
- 7 [11.29.48]
- 8 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 9 Thank you. The Chamber wishes to advise the party that the
- 10 Chamber will deliberate on this issue and a ruling will come at
- 11 the end of the day's hearing.
- 12 Now, turning to the Nuon Chea defence team's request to summon
- 13 witnesses in respect of alleged policy of targeting Khmer
- 14 Republic officials, the Chamber notes that the courtesy copy was
- 15 provided in English only. It is therefore it therefore invites
- 16 the Defence to present its argument briefly before the Chamber,
- 17 following which the other parties will be allowed to respond.
- 18 The defence for Mr. Nuon Chea, you may proceed.
- 19 [11.31.03]
- 20 MR. KOPPE:
- 21 Yes, Mr. President. I shall be brief.
- 22 Most arguments are, of course, within our written filing which,
- 23 as I just said, will be fully translated hopefully on Thursday.
- 24 We've also just briefly made reference to the approximately 1,500
- 25 written statements which you have indicated will receive E3

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- 1 classifications soon. And it is in respect of a limited amount of
- 2 these written statements that we have deemed it necessary not to
- 3 wait for your decision, but to already file this particular
- 4 request.
- 5 The main argument in this request is that there is almost -
- 6 almost no reliable direct evidence of a policy to execute Khmer
- 7 Republic soldiers and officials. We have argued, of course, the
- 8 same this very same point in our reply to the presentation of
- 9 the key documents two weeks ago.
- 10 Nevertheless, we have also seen the possibility of an argument
- 11 presented by the Prosecution that the existence of such a policy
- 12 could possibly be deferred from its occurrence in other parts -
- in parts of Democratic Kampuchea between '75 and '79. And if we
- 14 have identified approximately 110 statements in which people
- 15 possibly speak about targeting of Lon Nol officials and Khmer
- 16 Republic soldiers.
- 17 [11.33.05]
- 18 We have argued in this request that, up until now, once
- 19 cross-examined, these witnesses seem to be quite unreliable in
- 20 all aspects of their testimony. Numerous statements are about -
- 21 are really distant hearsay. They often come from unspecified
- 22 sources. Most of them, when they speak about events, they only
- 23 say that former Lon Nol officials were were taken away from -
- 24 from a row, from a queue.
- 25 The evidence that we have identified in these statements is, on

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- 1 its face, unreliable and has the same value as we have seen
- 2 during cross-examination of witnesses that have been called
- 3 before your Chamber.
- 4 Not knowing what the status of these statements of these 110
- 5 people is at the moment, we nevertheless thought it was very
- 6 important to request all those witnesses to appear before the
- 7 Chamber and to give live testimony so that we can cross-examine
- 8 them on these very issues.
- 9 [11.34.26]
- 10 You will see in our arguments we have identified certain
- 11 witnesses who have already appeared before your Chamber, what the
- 12 cross-examination has turned out, what results of the
- 13 cross-examinations were, in fact, to be seen. As a matter of
- 14 fact, the very reason, as we have indicated this morning, that
- 15 the Prosecution is asking for, again, more witnesses in respect
- 16 of Tuol Po Chrey is a confirmation of exactly that point that we
- 17 are making.
- 18 I do not wish now to go into detail why we object to the
- 19 admittance of these documents, of these witness statements. You
- 20 know our position in this. But once you do decide to admit these
- 21 statements of these 105 or 110 witnesses, then obviously there is
- 22 a it is of crucial importance that the Defence has the
- 23 possibility to examine these witnesses, to cross-examine them the
- 24 way that we have done with witnesses who have been called upon
- 25 earlier before your Chamber in respect of, for instance, Tuol Po

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- 1 Chrey or a general existence of such policy.
- 2 [11.35.44]
- 3 We have, like I said, again, identified a list of potential
- 4 witnesses who could say something about an alleged policy to
- 5 target and execute former Lon Nol officials. We have argued in
- 6 our request that this evidence is highly unreliable, but
- 7 nevertheless, if they are admitted then, of course, automatically
- 8 almost automatically, our right arises to be able to
- 9 cross-examine these very witnesses.
- 10 One last point to the the fact that we are now coming with this
- 11 request, technically we, of course, should have waited for your
- 12 decision to have these 110 witness statements admitted to
- 13 evidence. At this point, we are still not certain that you will
- 14 decide to do so. So in this respect, we could even say that our
- 15 request is is early. But assuming that you will, in fact, admit
- 16 these witness statements as evidence, we thought it was the
- 17 appropriate time to file that request.
- 18 [11.37.02]
- 19 But in any case, it is a generally new request which we couldn't
- 20 have made earlier since these witness statements were never
- 21 admitted at this point as evidence. So this is, in very broad
- 22 terms, our request, and I would be happy to reply to any
- 23 observations at this stage, maybe, from the Prosecution.
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 Thank you.

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- 1 Mr. Prosecutor, you may proceed.
- 2 MR. LYSAK:
- 3 Thank you, Mr. President. I first would respond to the last words
- 4 of counsel that, technically, they should have waited for this
- 5 filing and that they are early.
- 6 [11.38.00]
- 7 On the eve of these proceedings being closed at 4 o'clock
- 8 yesterday afternoon, we received in English only a request from
- 9 the Defence that this Chamber call an additional 110 witnesses.
- 10 Not a request for one or two witnesses, a request that the
- 11 Chamber call 110 additional witnesses.
- 12 This request is certainly not early. It is extremely late. This
- 13 is an issue that the Defence has been aware of for a long time.
- 14 If they wished the Chamber to summons some or all, but if they
- 15 wished to to call some of these witnesses, this information has
- 16 been available to them for a long time.
- 17 Now, there are a lot of issues that are raised by this motion,
- 18 arguments made regarding the Court's reliance on witness
- 19 statements that we believe are incorrect and contrary to the
- 20 rulings, incorrect assertions of the state of evidence in terms
- 21 of what it proves regarding policy.
- 22 In view of the fact that this request was just received at 4
- 23 o'clock yesterday, we would like the opportunity to file a
- 24 written response to it because it raises important issues.
- 25 Nonetheless, I will make a few brief comments today based on the

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- 1 little time that we have had to review it.
- 2 [11.39.49]
- 3 First, I do wish to note that the Defence misstate the issue
- 4 here. They focus exclusively on the policy to execute, a policy
- 5 to kill or execute soldiers and officials from the Khmer Republic
- 6 regime. And I would remind the Defence and the Chamber that the
- 7 policy in issue here is broader than that. It is a policy to
- 8 target people in this group.
- 9 The crimes with which the Accused are charged are not just
- 10 murder. They are charged here with persecution on political
- 11 grounds, meaning discrimination, discriminatory acts against this
- 12 group of individuals.
- 13 So when the Defence dismisses evidence that merely shows that
- 14 these people were segregated, that they were arrested, that they
- 15 were sent to re-education centres, they are they are misleading
- 16 the public and the Chamber. That is evidence that proves the
- 17 policy with which they are charged and the crimes with which they
- 18 are charged. And I refer specifically here to Closing Order
- 19 paragraphs 1416 through 1417, which are the paragraphs
- 20 specifically relating to the crime of persecution on political
- 21 grounds. That is one general observation I would make on the
- 22 motion.
- 23 [11.41.33]
- 24 Second, there is a significant amount of posturing and
- 25 misstatement in the motion. In some ways, this is the an

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- 1 attempt by the Defence to have early closing arguments on this
- 2 issue. I will not, today, engage the Defence fully on this, but I
- 3 do wish to say, for the record, that assertions such as are made
- 4 in this brief that there is almost no evidence of this policy, we
- 5 vigorously disagree with.
- 6 The characterization of some of the of the witnesses by the
- 7 Defence, the characterization of their testimony we disagree
- 8 with. Let me give you just one example.
- 9 The Defence assert that the testimony of Meas Moeun in no way
- 10 supports the existence of a policy targeting Khmer Republic
- 11 soldiers. I would remind the Chamber and the Defence that Meas
- 12 Moeun, who was the deputy commander of the West Zone army,
- 13 testified that there was a special unit in the military that was
- 14 tasked to review the biographies of cadres and to purge persons
- 15 who were identified as having connections with the prior regime.
- 16 That was the testimony of Meas Moeun.
- 17 [11.43.08]
- 18 The Defence has given you a list in which it acknowledges that
- 19 there are 21 witnesses or civil parties who have provided
- 20 testimony to the Court on this issue. So the Court has heard a
- 21 substantial amount of testimony. And I would note here again,
- 22 without getting into too many details, that the Defence list is -
- 23 leaves out a number of significant witnesses who have testified
- 24 on this issue, Al Rockoff, Sydney Schanberg, Philip Short and,
- 25 most significantly, Duch, the chairman of S-21, who testified

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- 1 that the first group of victims who were targeted in the early
- 2 days of S-21 was this very group, persons associated with the Lon
- 3 Nol regime.
- 4 So we very much take issue with the characterizations and
- 5 arguments in this brief. As I indicated, we would propose to do a
- 6 written filing on this issue in order that there be a complete
- 7 record. It is a lengthy filing that makes a number of
- 8 misstatements. But for the benefit of the Court, these are the
- 9 general observations I have, having received the motion yesterday
- 10 at 4.00 p.m.
- 11 I thank you for the time.
- 12 [11.44.50]
- 13 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 14 Thank you.
- 15 And the International Lead Co-Lawyer for the civil party, you may
- 16 proceed.
- 17 MS. SIMONNEAU-FORT:
- 18 Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Very briefly, again, we endorse
- 19 the position of the Co-Prosecutors.
- 20 In the face of this application made at the very end of this
- 21 trial to hear 110 additional witnesses, this is purely dilatory
- 22 to try to justify the application. My learned friend writes that
- 23 the need to hear this these witnesses is a fact that we've
- 24 heard some of them and that those heard are not reliable.
- 25 This is his personal view, and he can elaborate on it in the

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- 1 closing briefs. And it's up to the Chamber to assess the
- 2 reliability of the testimonies of witnesses already heard.
- 3 [11.46.00]
- 4 In the face of this request, I wish to point out that my learned
- 5 friend has not quite understood the use to have a trial with
- 6 pre-trial investigations and to hear witnesses who have been
- 7 called and that it is not necessary to summon more witnesses.
- 8 The investigative report is something that is reliable and it is
- 9 absolutely not necessary to hear all the persons who have already
- 10 been heard by the Co-Investigating Judges with the rogatory
- 11 letters, so I would request the Chamber to reject all these
- 12 applications.
- 13 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 14 Mr. Victor Koppe, you may proceed.
- 15 MR. KOPPE:
- 16 The last observation is very interesting because it begs the
- 17 question what we have been doing in the last two years at this
- 18 trial. All most, if not all, witnesses who have appeared here
- 19 have had, in fact, given testimony to the Office of the
- 20 Co-Investigating Judges, so if we could just simply rely on their
- 21 statements, then this whole trial of two years wouldn't have been
- 22 necessary. So I take it that you do not take this remark of the
- 23 civil parties very seriously.
- 24 [11.47.26]
- 25 The other thing is yes, on the face of it, it might seem very

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- 1 late, our request to have 110 witnesses appear. But on the other
- 2 hand, as I explained earlier, all these documents that we have
- 3 referred to in our attachment are not yet admitted. There is no
- 4 formal decision of the Chamber to admit these written statements.
- 5 Of course, I will I will not advise the Chamber that there
- 6 would be a very easy way out in respect of this request simply by
- 7 not admitting all those documents that we refer to in our annex.
- 8 But if you have done so already, then again, like I said, the
- 9 first possible moment to file a request to have these witnesses
- 10 cross-examined comes exactly after this after the admittance of
- 11 these very documents.
- 12 So I will repeat my earlier observation that we are, in fact,
- 13 technically speaking, premature because all those documents, all
- 14 those witness statements have not, in fact, at this point in
- 15 time, been admitted as evidence to Case 002/01.
- 16 [11.48.52]
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 Thank you. For this, the Chamber informs the parties that this
- 19 request will be addressed as part of the witness statements'
- 20 decision, which the Chamber will address later in this hearing.
- 21 And since this request has been responded orally, the Chamber
- 22 does not require other party to file any written submission in
- 23 this respect.
- 24 The Chamber now turns to the Khieu Samphan defence team's request
- 25 for information with respect to the condition of Nou Mouk's

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- 1 appearance before this Court. And the Chamber therefore invites
- 2 the Defence to represent its argument briefly to the Chamber and,
- 3 following which, the other parties will be allowed to respond.
- 4 I hand over the floor to the defence team for Mr. Khieu Samphan
- 5 first.
- 6 I hand over to the defence team for Mr. Nuon Chea first.
- 7 [11.50.40]
- 8 MR. KOPPE:
- 9 I apologize. I'm not quite sure what answer to what? Sorry, Mr.
- 10 President. I didn't get it.
- 11 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 12 Oh, well, yesterday the Chamber is seized of the request by the
- 13 defence team for Khieu Samphan defence team requesting for
- 14 information with respect to the appearance of Mr. Nou Mouk, and
- 15 this request was filed with the Chamber yesterday. And now the
- 16 Chamber invites the parties to make observation in response to
- 17 this request by the defence team for Mr. Khieu Samphan.
- 18 And since this request was made by one party, then this request
- 19 shall be observed by other parties. So if you have any
- 20 observation, you may proceed, but otherwise, you may cede the
- 21 floor to others because the Chamber would like to make sure that
- 22 everyone has the floor to make any observation in respect of the
- 23 submission by other parties.
- 24 You may proceed.
- 25 [11.52.00]

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- 1 MR. KOPPE:
- 2 I understand. Thank you, Mr. President. We have no observations.
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Thank you.
- 5 Now I hand over the floor to the Prosecution. You may proceed.
- 6 MR. LYSAK:
- 7 Thank you, Mr. President. I will be very, very brief on this
- 8 motion which we also received yesterday afternoon.
- 9 The motion asks the Chamber to conduct further investigation
- 10 relating to the circumstances under which Nou Mouk was provided
- 11 with a photograph of Ben Kiernan and provided with notes of his
- 12 prior interview by Ben Kiernan. Simply put, our submission is
- 13 that no such inquiries or investigations are necessary here. The
- 14 Trial Chamber itself has already explained during his testimony
- 15 the reason that the photograph of Ben Kiernan was used by WESU,
- 16 which was to ensure that they had correctly identified the
- 17 witness that they were searching for.
- 18 [11.53.22]
- 19 And in regards to the notes of the interview, it does not strike
- 20 me that there is any harm that has been caused by a witness being
- 21 allowed to see notes of an interview he provided. It seems to me
- 22 that that is a fair opportunity for a witness who is going to
- 23 testify to have an opportunity to review the material on which he
- 24 will be examined.
- 25 This witness made corrections or when he believed that the

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- 1 notes did not accurately reflect his memory, advised the Court of
- 2 that, so I simply fail to see why there is any reason for the
- 3 Court to conduct further inquiries on this issue. And we would
- 4 request that the motion be denied.
- 5 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 6 Thank you.
- 7 Now Lead Co-Lawyer for the civil party, you may proceed.
- 8 [11.54.38]
- 9 MR. PICH ANG:
- 10 Thank you, Mr. President, and good morning, Your Honours.
- 11 We at the civil party, we concur with the Prosecutor that there
- 12 is no specified reason to conduct further investigation in
- 13 relation to this particular witness, Mr. Nou Mouk. Like the
- 14 prosecutor, we suggest that this motion by the defence team for
- 15 Mr. Khieu Samphan be rejected.
- 16 Thank you.
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 Thank you.
- 19 Mr. Madam Anta Guissé, you may proceed.
- 20 [11.55.28]
- 21 MS. GUISSÉ:
- 22 Yes. Very briefly, Mr. President, you would recall that during
- 23 the appearance of that witness, Nou Mouk, I, the person who
- 24 examined him, questioned him on two main points: one, under what
- 25 conditions the photograph of Ben Kiernan was given to the witness

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- 1 and, secondly, when he became aware of the notes of Ben Kiernan
- 2 during the interview he had with him.
- 3 Regarding the first point, you would observe that it is not
- 4 simply a question of having the Chamber's answer that a
- 5 photograph was shown him for identification purposes. As you
- 6 know, my request is a lot more specific, that is, under what
- 7 conditions the photograph was shown him and at what point in time
- 8 he got it.
- 9 This point is very important because we recall that Ben Kiernan's
- 10 name was written on that photograph. Again, in our submissions on
- 11 which I will not dwell, the conditions under which he received
- 12 the photograph are very important because we are asking for
- 13 further information because we want to know when, at what point
- 14 in time the testimony of that witness was contaminated by
- 15 information he received before appearing before the Chamber to
- 16 give evidence.
- 17 [11.57.09]
- 18 Secondly, regarding the notes of Ben Kiernan, I believe the
- 19 Chamber, in its prior decision, was very clear. There is no
- 20 problem in us receiving statements signed and certified by the
- 21 witness, but when we are dealing with information that is
- 22 external to the witness, that is, notes that the witness received
- 23 and information that wasn't obtained at the time of the
- 24 interview, then it is important to know. And we cannot know
- 25 unless clear questions are put to the witness.

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- 1 If such questions are not put to the witness, it is not possible
- 2 for the parties to know when the information was requested, when
- 3 the witness was oriented or quided or not. So these points are
- 4 very important. We cannot use notes taken by a person during an
- 5 interview and attach them to a statement that was signed by a
- 6 witness and that is in the witness' language, and that is why we
- 7 wish to know when those notes by Ben Kiernan were given to the
- 8 witness. And we wish to know whether they were shown to the
- 9 witness before his appearance.
- 10 [11.58.26]
- 11 That is a statement that was signed and read by the witness. This
- 12 is very important. We have already emphasized this point. There
- 13 has been there have been lengthy debates on this during witness
- 14 Nou Mouk's appearance. And this was eluded with the statements
- 15 that contradicted one another that we have notes here that do not
- 16 tally with this statement that was read and signed by the
- 17 witness.
- 18 If that was received before, that would definitely have an impact
- 19 on how you would assess the witness' testimony and the probative
- 20 value you would give to the witness' testimony given the fact
- 21 that there's a likelihood that the testimony was contaminated.
- 22 This is the information I wish to provide at this point. We will
- 23 elaborate on this in our submissions, and I reject entirely the
- 24 arguments of the civil parties and the Co-Prosecutors that the
- 25 witness was given that purely for identification purposes.

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- 1 [11.59.42]
- 2 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 3 Thank you. Now it is an appropriate point to break for lunch. The
- 4 Chamber will adjourn now and resume at 3.00 this afternoon.
- 5 The Chamber wishes to advise the parties that, this afternoon,
- 6 the Chamber may be in a position to issue all the decisions
- 7 concerning all the application and request filed by the parties.
- 8 And after that, the Chamber will also announce the future
- 9 scheduling from this point forward.
- 10 Security guards are instructed to bring Mr. Khieu Samphan down to
- 11 the holding cell and have him returned to this courtroom this
- 12 afternoon before 3 o'clock.
- 13 The Court is now adjourned.
- 14 (Court recesses from 1200H to 1507H)
- 15 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 16 Please be seated. The Court is now back in session.
- 17 Following the OCP submissions and the parties' responses, the
- 18 Chamber now issues rulings on a number of the parties' requests.
- 19 The full reasons for these decisions shall be contained in the
- 20 decision on objections to the admissibility of witness, victim,
- 21 and civil party statements and Case 001 transcripts proposed by
- 22 the Co-Prosecutors and civil party Lead Co-Lawyers, to be issued
- 23 shortly and the final decision on witnesses.
- 24 Now, on the Co-Prosecutor's request that the Trial Chamber hear
- 25 additional Tuol Po Chrey witnesses, on 19 July 2013, the

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- 1 Co-Prosecutors requested the Chamber hear the testimony of two
- 2 additional witnesses relating to Tuol Po Chrey, namely TCW-644,
- 3 and a new civil party in Case 004. The Nuon Chea defence do not
- 4 object to the OCP request and further requests the Chamber to
- 5 summons TCW-802, TCW-803, and Rob Lemkin.
- 6 [15.10.02]
- 7 The Chamber considers that the evidence of TCW-644, TCW-802,
- 8 TCW-803, and the new civil party would be repetitive of other
- 9 evidence and not conducive to ascertaining the truth. These
- 10 requests are therefore, denied. The request to summons Rob Lemkin
- 11 is addressed in a separate decision which will be issued very
- 12 shortly.
- 13 On OCP requests to reconsider decision not to recall Civil Party
- 14 Sar Sarin, there is document E293/1. The Chamber now addresses
- 15 the Co-Prosecutor's request to reconsider its decision not to
- 16 recall Civil Party Sar Sarin. Even if considered a first
- 17 application, the Co-Prosecutors do not allege any new
- 18 circumstances, nor is the Trial Chamber satisfied that the
- 19 provisions of Internal Rule 35 have been met. The OCP request -
- 20 that is, document E293/1 is therefore rejected.
- 21 [15.11.45]
- 22 Now, on Nuon Chea's request to summons witnesses in respect of
- 23 alleged policy of targeting Khmer Republic officials, which is a
- 24 courtesy copy, the Nuon Chea defence requests the Chamber to
- 25 summons more than 100 new witnesses who made statements

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- 1 concerning the targeting of Khmer Republic officials. It repeats
- 2 and elaborates upon previous submissions concerning the
- 3 admission, absent the opportunity for confrontation of statements
- 4 going to important or central issues in the Prosecution case. The
- 5 Chamber considers that the defence fails to satisfy the
- 6 requirements of reasonable diligence in discovering and proposing
- 7 the new witnesses pursuant to Internal Rule 87.4.
- 8 Further, with respect to the OCP request to respond to this
- 9 motion, the Chamber considers that issues regarding to the
- 10 admissibility and probative value of witness statements have been
- 11 thoroughly briefed and it will shortly issue a decision on this
- 12 topic. Any future motions on these issues will be considered
- 13 repetitive and not be accepted for filing. The overall request is
- 14 rejected with more detailed reasons to follow in writing.
- 15 [15.13.50]
- 16 Now, on Khieu Samphan's defence request for information regarding
- 17 Nou Mouk, the Chamber first notes that the Witness and Expert
- 18 Support Unit is presumed to exercise its functions scrupulously
- 19 and impartially. The parties had an opportunity to explore issues
- 20 regarding contacts with WESU during the questioning of the
- 21 witness. In addition, the Trial Chamber has informally received
- 22 the relevant information from WESU and therefore, concludes that
- 23 an investigation in accordance with Rule 35 is not warranted. The
- 24 Chamber nonetheless directs WESU to provide this information in a
- 25 formal report to the Chamber within two weeks.

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- 1 [15.15.04]
- 2 I turn now to the Co-Prosecutor's request both oral and contained
- 3 in document E288/4/1, with respect to the respective accused
- 4 refusal to testify. The Chamber considers that the warnings made
- 5 to all accused on the 18 April 2012 and reaffirmed on 16 July
- 6 2013 adequately addressed the underlying substance of the
- 7 Co-Prosecutor's request. The 18 April 2012 warning expressed that
- 8 the relevant international jurisprudence indicates that adverse
- 9 inferences from selective decisions to remain silent may be
- 10 drawn. The Trial Chamber does consider that this request had been
- 11 answered already. The Co-Prosecutors additionally request to
- 12 state in Court, in the presence of the Accused, topics and facts
- 13 on which they would have questioned them. The Chamber does not
- 14 consider that this will be necessary. The Co-Prosecutors will
- 15 have the opportunity to indicate, as part of their closing brief,
- 16 those points on which they are requesting the Chamber to draw
- 17 adverse inferences.
- 18 [15.17.07]
- 19 Next, the Chamber will address the Nuon Chea's defence request to
- 20 admit new documents, summons Rob Lemkin, and initiate an
- 21 investigation. The Chamber will file its decision today or
- 22 tomorrow rejecting this application in its entirety for reasons
- 23 set out therein.
- 24 Turning to the status of other decisions, the Trial Chamber will
- 25 issue two decisions in the near future. There is the decision on

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- 1 objections to the admissibility of witness, victim, and civil
- 2 party statements and Case 001 transcripts, as proposed by the
- 3 Co-Prosecutors and civil party Lead Co-Lawyers; and the third
- 4 decision on objections to documents proposed for admission before
- 5 the Chamber. Both of these decisions will contain annexes. All
- 6 documents that are admitted as a result of these decisions will
- 7 be recorded in E3 number.
- 8 [15.18.46]
- 9 Finally, the Chamber would like to address the subject of
- 10 scheduling from this point forward. In its second severance
- 11 decision that is document E284, the Trial Chamber determined
- 12 the extent of the facts it would consider in Case 002/01. That
- 13 decision was appealed by the Co-Prosecutors and Nuon Chea.
- 14 Pending the appeal, and in order to avoid any prejudice to the
- 15 parties, the Trial Chamber will not therefore, announce that
- 16 hearing on evidence in Case 002/01 is formally concluded until
- 17 the Supreme Court Chamber decision is issued. Pending the
- 18 decision of the Supreme Court Chamber, which will provide for the
- 19 quidance in this respect, the Trial Chamber announces however,
- 20 that its tentative schedule is as follows:
- 21 Closing briefs are to be submitted by 12 September; in the first
- 22 instance, in any of the ECCC languages, with translations to
- 23 follow. Closing statements will be held starting 9 October and
- 24 concluding 22 October, including Fridays.
- 25 [15.20.59]

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- 1 The Trial Chamber has chosen 9 October as a start date in view of
- 2 scheduling challenges during the month containing many holy days.
- 3 In accordance with the decisions of the Supreme Court Chamber,
- 4 the Trial Chamber will formally confirm or amend its schedule
- 5 when the appellate decision is delivered. For the same reasons,
- 6 the Trial Chamber will not deliver its final decision on
- 7 witnesses, experts, and civil parties to be heard in Case 002/01,
- 8 which will now be included in its verdict rather than be issued
- 9 separately ahead of time. The Chamber notes that the parties have
- 10 already been provided courtesy copies of the annexes to that
- 11 decision and that the information contained in those annexes has
- 12 not changed.
- 13 [15.22.28]
- 14 Finally, with respect to the closing briefs, the Chamber is
- 15 according each party an additional 25 pages to respond to any
- 16 additional evidence or documents put before the Trial Chamber,
- 17 pursuant to the Chamber's final evidentiary decisions. The
- 18 Co-Prosecutors therefore, now have 225 pages for their closing
- 19 brief, the Accused each have only need of 125 pages, and the
- 20 civil parties have 105 pages, excluding submissions on
- 21 reparations.
- 22 This concludes the oral rulings of the Chamber. The Chamber
- 23 thanks the parties for their assistance and cooperation in these
- 24 matters and the hearing today has come to an adjournment. The
- 25 Chamber will adjourn now and it will resume on the 9th October

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2013, commencing from 9.00 a.m. The floor is not opened for parties, please be seated. And security guards, you are instructed to take the two Accused back to the detention facility, and the Trial Chamber will issue its order to bring them to the courtroom in the appropriate time. The Court is now adjourned. (Court adjourns 1524H)