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18 October 2011

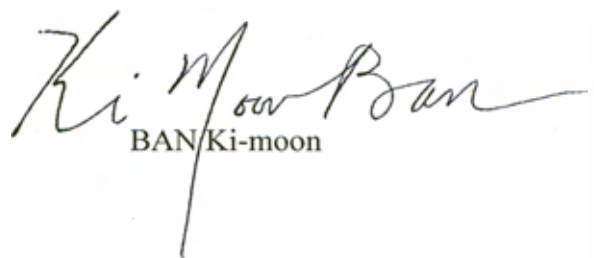
Dear Judge Blunk,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 9 October 2011 informing me of your decision to resign from your position as international Co-Investigating Judge at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) with immediate effect.

I have noted the reason for your resignation. The United Nations will continue to monitor the situation closely, including in consultation with the Royal Government of Cambodia.

I wish to thank you for your service at the ECCC.

Yours sincerely,


BAN Ki-moon

Judge Siegfried Blunk
International Co-Investigating Judge
Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia
Phnom Penh

11-10033

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Excellency,

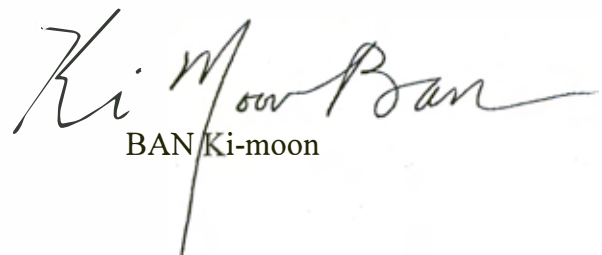
I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between the United Nations and the Royal Government of Cambodia Concerning the Prosecution under Cambodian Law of Crimes Committed During the Period of Democratic Kampuchea, done at Phnom Penh on 6 June 2003, which entered into force on 29 April 2005 (“the Agreement”).

The international Co-Investigating Judge of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, Mr. Siegfried Blunk (Germany), has resigned effective immediately. Pursuant to article 5, paragraph 6, of the Agreement, “[i]n case of a vacancy or a need to fill the post of international co-investigating judge, the person appointed to fill this post must be the reserve international co-investigating judge”.

The reserve international Co-Investigating Judge, Mr. Laurent Kasper-Ansermet (Switzerland), has confirmed his availability to take up the position of international co-investigating judge. I would therefore be grateful if you would request the Supreme Council of the Magistracy to appoint Judge Kasper-Ansermet as the international Co-Investigating Judge as soon as possible, in order to avoid disrupting the work of the Office of the Co-Investigating Judges. In due course, I will nominate a candidate for appointment as a reserve international co-investigating judge.

I would be grateful if you could inform the Supreme Council of the Magistracy that I remain fully at its disposal and will be happy to provide it with any information in my possession that it may require.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen
Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia
Phnom Penh

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REFERENCE:

18 October 2011

Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency Mr. Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vijay Nambiar".

Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Kosal Sea
Permanent Representative
of the Kingdom of Cambodia
to the United Nations
New York

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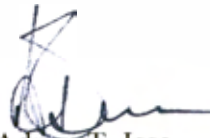
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Mr. Nambiar,

Attached please find for your urgent attention a draft letter addressed to the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia in regards to the immediate resignation of the international Co-Investigation Judge Blunk (Germany) of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) and the appointment of a replacement, Mr. Laurent Kasper-Ansermet (Switzerland).

Please note that an acknowledgment letter addressed to Judge Blunk is also attached.

I have provided a copy of the request from OLA to Mr. Haysom for his attention and urgent comments if any.



Adnan T. Issa

17 October 2011

cc.: Mr. Haysom

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Note to the Secretary-General

Through Mr. Nambiar

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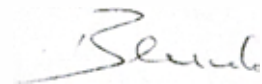
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3. I have also attached for the Secretary-General's consideration and signature a draft response to Judge Blunk's resignation letter.

Stephen Mathias
13 October 2011

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To: Secretary-General
United Nations

From: Dr. Siegfried Blunk
International Co-Investigating Judge of the ECCC



9 October 2011

Dear Secretary-General,

After my appointment as the International Co-Investigating Judge of the ECCC (Khmer Rouge Tribunal) I proceeded with investigations in Cases 003 and 004 in the hope that the previous statement made by Prime Minister Hun Sen during a meeting with you that these cases "will not be allowed" did not reflect general government policy.

However, on 10 May 2011, the Cambodian Minister of Information stated "If they want to go into Case 003 and 004, they should just pack their bags and leave."

Although I initiated Contempt of Court proceedings against him and expected this to be a warning to other government officials, last week the Cambodian Foreign Minister reportedly stated "On the issue of the arrest of more Khmer Rouge leaders, this is a Cambodian issue... This issue must be decided by Cambodia" (see Cambodia Daily 5 Oct 2011, p. 27).

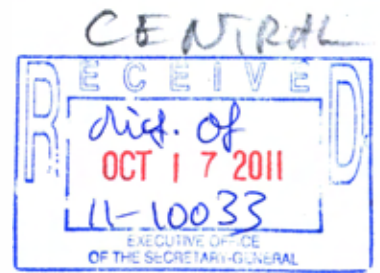
This strongly indicates a fixed policy by the Cambodian Government, to persistently interfere with proceedings in these cases.

Even if the Co-Investigating Judges do not let themselves be influenced by such statements, their ability to withstand such government pressure and to perform their duties independently, will always be called in doubt, and this will also call in doubt the integrity of the whole proceedings in Cases 003 and 004. Therefore, I cannot bear the responsibility of partaking in these proceedings any longer, and I submit my resignation with immediate effect.

May I take the opportunity to express my thanks for the support you showed on 14 June 2011 (SG/SM/13642).

Yours faithfully,

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Note to the Secretary-General

Through Mr. Nambiar

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13 October 2011

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Laurent Kasper-Ansermet
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F-83440 SEILLANS
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Eidgenössisches Departement für
auswärtige Angelegenheiten
Politische Abteilung IV
A l'Att. de Mme Janine Misteli
Bundesgasse 32
CH - 3003 BERNE

Paris, le 24 février 2009

Concerne : fonction de co-juge d'instruction au sein des chambres extraordinaires des tribunaux cambodgiens.

Madame,

Mes fonctions judiciaires, exercées pendant dix-huit ans dans les différentes instances pénales du Palais de justice de Genève, m'ont conduit à acquérir une expérience particulière en matière de lutte contre la grande délinquance et le crime organisé. L'instruction et la poursuite des affaires financières complexes m'ont fait connaître, par le biais de l'entraide internationale, les systèmes judiciaires parfois très spécifiques de pays étrangers. Ce regard ouvert sur le monde me porte tout naturellement à m'associer au combat qui doit être mené face aux crimes contre l'humanité. Mon pays, la Suisse, n'est-il pas l'initiateur des Conventions de Genève.

Le poste de co-juge d'instruction auprès des Chambres extraordinaires des tribunaux cambodgiens suscite, vous le comprendrez, mon plus vif intérêt dans la mesure où l'occasion m'est offerte de mettre à profit mon expérience et de participer à un moment historique : celui tant attendu de juger après trente ans les responsables des crimes perpétrés durant le régime des Khmers rouges, ayant entraîné la disparition de près d'un tiers de la population cambodgienne.

Après avoir été successivement procureur, juge d'instruction puis président de tribunal, je réalise aujourd'hui que l'instruction pénale demeure ma vocation première qui mériterait d'être mise demain au service des tribunaux cambodgiens. Le fait que ce pays soit proche de la culture française me permettra d'intégrer plus rapidement encore ses institutions judiciaires, pour me familiariser avec son propre droit pénal.

Je me réjouis d'ores et déjà de vous préciser de vive voix mes motivations lors de notre entretien de vendredi prochain et vous prie d'agréer, Madame, l'expression de mes sentiments distingués.

Laurent Kasper-Ansermet



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General Details

1. Family Name Kasper-Ansermet		First Name Laurent	Middle Name	Maiden Name, if any
2. Date of Birth 14 Nov 1946		3. City of Birth Lausanne		Country of Birth Switzerland
4. Country of Nationality at Birth Switzerland	Second Nationality (if any)		5. Country of Present Nationality Switzerland	Second Nationality (if any)
6. Gender Male	7. Height [cm]	8. Weight [kg]		9. Marital Status Single
10. Entry into United Nations service might require assignment to any area of the world in which the United Nations might have responsibilities. Are there any limitations on your ability to engage in all travel? No				
Are there any limitations on your ability to perform in your prospective field of work? No				
11. Have you taken up legal permanent residence status in any country other than that of your nationality? Yes. France				
12. If you have taken any legal steps towards changing your present nationality, explain the circumstances:				
13. What is your preferred field of work? Jurists				
14. Would you accept employment for less than six months? Yes				
15. If you have previously submitted an application for employment and/or undergone any tests with the United Nations, indicate when:				
16. Have you ever been arrested, indicted, or summoned into court as a defendant in a criminal proceeding, or convicted, fined or imprisoned for the violation of any law (excluding minor traffic violations)? No Give explanation of each case:				
17. State any other relevant facts, include information regarding any residence outside the country of your nationality.				
18. Email Address lkansermet@wanadoo.fr				

Contact Address and Telephone

Personal History Profile

Permanent
8, place Font-Jordany
Seillans
France

Telephone Number
+33 0621782094

Relations

Are any of your relatives employed by a public international organization?

No

If you answered Yes to #1, list any relatives employed by the United Nations or its Specialized Agencies Below:

Relative Name	Relationship	Organization or Agency
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If you have any dependants, list them below.

Dependant Name	Relationship	Date of Birth	Gender	City, Country of Birth	Nationalities
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Education

List all university degrees or equivalent qualifications obtained.

University Name	City, Country	Attended From - To
University of Geneva	Geneva, Switzerland	Sep 1975 - Jun 1978
Main Course of Study	Field of Study	
Law	General Law	
Degree or Equivalent	Exact Title of Degree (Do Not Equate)	
Bachelor of Arts	Degree in Law	

List schools or other formal training or education from age 14 (e.g. high school, technical school or apprenticeship)

School	City, Country	Attended From - To
Ecole des Hautes Etudes Sociales et de Journalisme	Paris, France	Sep 1968 - Aug 1969
Main Course of Study	Certificates or Diplomas obtained	
Journalism	Diploma	

List any significant publications you have written.

Journal/Publisher	Title of Publication	Date
Revue Maître, Le mensuel de l'avocat, Paris	"Avez-vous quelque chose à déclarer"	Feb 2007

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List professional societies and activities in civil, public or international affairs.

- **Groupe Européen de Recherche sur la Délinquance Financière et la Criminalité organisée, avenue Philibert, B.P. 80, F-13545 AIX-EN-PROVENCE Cedex 4 (Director Mr. Gilles DUTEIL, tel. 04 42 90 84 17) - Crans-Montana Forum, 41 avenue Hector Otto, MC-98000 MONACO (Président Mr. Jean-Paul CARTERON, tel. 377 9770 7000)**

Employment

26. Starting with your present post, list in reverse order every employment you have had:

Job Title Judicial Pensioner/ Independant consultant	Type of Business ---	From - To Jan 2005 - Present
Name of Employer ---	Name of Supervisor ---	Is this a Civil Servant Position of your Government? No
		Is this a position within the UN Common System? N/A
Salaries per Annum: Starting 85000	Final 85000	Currency Paid Switzerland Franc
Telephone Number +33 0153645135	Fax Number	Email Address
Address of Employer Law Office Nadine Belzidsky 50, avenue Victor-Hugo Paris, 75116 France		
Field of Work Law related	Specialty International law related	
Number of Employees Supervised by You N/A	Kind of Employees Supervised by You N/A	
Description of Duties Entitled to a pension (85'000 CHF per year). Acting as independant consultant over specific files in relation with swiss law		
Summarize Any Of Your Achievements. (lawyer's secrecy)		
Reason for Leaving No particular reason for leaving		

Job Title Chief Investigation Officer Europe in charge of the Paris Office	Type of Business Examine information relating to allegations of fraud and corruption in the Programme	From - To Jun 2004 - Dec 2004
Name of Employer Independent Inquiry Committee into the United Nations Oil-for- Food Programme	Name of Supervisor Mr. Mark Pieth, Head of Economic/Organised crime - Swiss Federal Office of Justice	Is this a Civil Servant Position of your Government? No
		Is this a position within the UN Common System? N/A
Salaries per Annum: Starting 11111111	Final 11111111	Currency Paid United States of America Dollar
Telephone Number	Fax Number	Email Address

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Address of Employer New York tel. 1-212-842-250 closed its Office Dec. 31, 2006 New York, United States of America	
Field of Work Law related	Specialty International law related
Number of Employees Supervised by You N/A	Kind of Employees Supervised by You N/A
Description of Duties Investigations in various countries (Switzerland, France, Belgium, Jordan, United Arab Emirates)	
Summarize Any Of Your Achievements. Collective work; various reports have been published	
Reason for Leaving conditions as per contract (six months)	

Job Title Judge	Type of Business civil and criminal law	From - To Feb 2001 - Jun 2004
Name of Employer elected	Name of Supervisor Court of Justice of the Republic and Canton of Geneva (civil and criminal Court of appeal)	Is this a Civil Servant Position of your Government? No
		Is this a position within the UN Common System? N/A
Salaries per Annum: Starting 11111111	Final 11111111	Currency Paid Switzerland Franc
Telephone Number	Fax Number	Email Address

Address of Employer --- Palais de Justice Place du Bourg-de-Four Geneva, 1204 Switzerland	
Field of Work Law related	Specialty International law related
Number of Employees Supervised by You N/A	Kind of Employees Supervised by You N/A
Description of Duties Worked on several civil and criminal cases, gave judgments, Presidency of the Magistrate's Court (panel of three judges) and the Court of Assizes (jury)	
Summarize Any Of Your Achievements. various civil and criminal court decisions	
Reason for Leaving optional retirement	

Job Title Investigative Judge for complex cases	Type of Business criminal law	From - To Jul 1996 - Feb 2001
Name of Employer elected	Name of Supervisor Investigative Court of the Republic and Canton of Geneva	Is this a Civil Servant Position of your Government? No
		Is this a position within the UN Common System? N/A

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Salaries per Annum: Starting 11111111	Final 11111111	Currency Paid Switzerland Franc
Telephone Number	Fax Number	Email Address
Address of Employer --- Palais de Justice Place du Bourg-de-Four Geneva, 1204 Switzerland		
Field of Work Law related		Specialty International law related
Number of Employees Supervised by You N/A		Kind of Employees Supervised by You N/A
Description of Duties Investigated cases of serious financial crimes, travelled abroad in execution of rogatory letters and mutual assistance request (USA, Spain, France, Italy, G.B., Romania, Yougoslavia). Took part in official swiss delegations outlining ways to fight money laundering and organised crime (Albania, Ukraine, Russian Federation)		
Summarize Any Of Your Achievements: Investigation regarding Pavel Lazarenko : appointed Prime Minister of Ukraine on May, 1996, Lazarenko in 1998 was in detention in Geneva on money-laundering charges; then, after investigation, sentenced to 18 months imprisonment. In the USA, Lazarenko was put on trial for money laundering, corruption and fraud and on August 25, 2006 was sentenced to 9 years in federal prison.		
Reason for Leaving interest in another function		

Job Title Prosecutor	Type of Business -----	From - To Aug 1992 - Jun 1996
Name of Employer elected	Name of Supervisor Office of the General Prosecutor of the Republic and Canton of Geneva	Is this a Civil Servant Position of your Government? No
		Is this a position within the UN Common System? N/A
Salaries per Annum: Starting 11111111	Final 11111111	Currency Paid Switzerland Franc
Telephone Number	Fax Number	Email Address
Address of Employer Palais de Justice Place du Bourg-de-Four Geneva, 1204 Switzerland		
Field of Work Law related		Specialty International law related
Number of Employees Supervised by You N/A		Kind of Employees Supervised by You N/A
Description of Duties Represented the Office of the Prosecutor at all cantonal criminal proceedings, developped indictments for new trials, pled before the Court of criminal appeal, the Magistrate's Court and the Court of Assizes for all types of criminal cases, conducted numerous preliminary investigations		

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Summarize Any Of Your Achievements.

Case of Roberto Polo : Polo was charged with misappropriating dollars 120 million from clients and failing to obtain their permission to invest in works of art. The jury convicted Polo 13 counts including breach of trust. He was sentenced to five years in jail in 1995.

Reason for Leaving
interest in another function

Job Title Deputy Director	Type of Business Banking activities	From - To Jun 1990 - Jul 1992
Name of Employer Banque Scandinave en Suisse SA	Name of Supervisor Mr. Pierre Desjardins	Is this a Civil Servant Position of your Government? No
		Is this a position within the UN Common System? N/A
Salaries per Annum: Starting 11111111	Final 11111111	Currency Paid Switzerland Franc
Telephone Number	Fax Number	Email Address

Address of Employer
**Cours de Rive
Geneva, Switzerland**

Field of Work Law related	Specialty International law related
Number of Employees Supervised by You N/A	Kind of Employees Supervised by You N/A

Description of Duties

Legal advices in relation with international banking activities

Summarize Any Of Your Achievements.

subject to banking secrecy

Reason for Leaving
new interest in magistrateship (experience in business)

Job Title Investigative Judge	Type of Business criminal law	From - To Aug 1986 - May 1990
Name of Employer elected	Name of Supervisor Investigative Court of the Republic and Canton of Geneva	Is this a Civil Servant Position of your Government? No
		Is this a position within the UN Common System? N/A
Salaries per Annum: Starting 11111111	Final 11111111	Currency Paid Switzerland Franc
Telephone Number	Fax Number	Email Address

Address of Employer

**Palais de Justice
Place du Bourg-de-Four
Geneva, 1204 Switzerland**

Field of Work Law related	Specialty International law related
Number of Employees Supervised by You N/A	Kind of Employees Supervised by You N/A

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Description of Duties

Investigated crimes and various criminal offenses.

Summarize Any Of Your Achievements.

various criminal cases

Reason for Leaving

interest for another job (banking law in relation with financial matters)

Job Title Deputy Prosecutor	Type of Business criminal law	From - To Jul 1985 - Jul 1986
Name of Employer elected	Name of Supervisor Office of the General Prosecutor of the Republic and Canton of Geneva	Is this a Civil Servant Position of your Government? No
		Is this a position within the UN Common System? N/A
Salaries per Annum: Starting 11111111	Final 11111111	Currency Paid Switzerland Franc
Telephone Number +41 22 3272029	Fax Number	Email Address

Address of Employer

**Palais de Justice
4, Place du Bourg-de-Four
Geneva, 1204 Switzerland**

Field of Work Law related	Specialty International law related
Number of Employees Supervised by You N/A	Kind of Employees Supervised by You N/A

Description of Duties

Represented the Office of the Prosecutor at all cantonal criminal proceedings, pled before the Court of criminal appeal, the Magistrate's Court and the Court of Assizes.

Summarize Any Of Your Achievements.

various criminal investigations and trials

Reason for Leaving

interest in another function

Job Title Lawyer	Type of Business Independant lawyer's activity	From - To Jul 1984 - Jul 1985
Name of Employer ---	Name of Supervisor ---	Is this a Civil Servant Position of your Government? No
		Is this a position within the UN Common System? N/A
Salaries per Annum: Starting 11111111	Final 11111111	Currency Paid Switzerland Franc
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**c/o Etude de Me Barillon & Bugnon
Boulevard du Théâtre
Geneva, Switzerland**

Personal History Profile

Field of Work Jurists	Specialty General legal advisers
Number of Employees Supervised by You N/A	Kind of Employees Supervised by You N/A
Description of Duties Lawyer's activity	
Summarize Any Of Your Achievements. Subject to lawyer's secrecy	
Reason for Leaving Interest in magistrateship	

Job Title Executive Officer and Secretary of the Board of Directors	Type of Business Legal adviser/ management of the legal department	From - To Feb 1982 - Jul 1984
Name of Employer Banque Keyser Ullmann SA	Name of Supervisor Mr. Jean-Pierre Reist	Is this a Civil Servant Position of your Government? No Is this a position within the UN Common System? N/A
Salaries per Annum: Starting 11111111	Final 11111111	Currency Paid Switzerland Franc
Telephone Number	Fax Number	Email Address

Address of Employer
**Promenade du Pin/Blvd des tranchées
Geneva, Switzerland**

Field of Work Jurists	Specialty General legal advisers
Number of Employees Supervised by You N/A	Kind of Employees Supervised by You N/A
Description of Duties Managing the legal department, syndicated loans, secretary of the board of management and administration	
Summarize Any Of Your Achievements. subject to banking secrecy	
Reason for Leaving To practice as a independant lawyer	

Job Title Trainee lawyer	Type of Business Admitted the Bar in 1982	From - To Sep 1978 - Mar 1981
Name of Employer Legal Office of Bonnant & Peyrot, Geneva	Name of Supervisor ---	Is this a Civil Servant Position of your Government? No Is this a position within the UN Common System? N/A
Salaries per Annum: Starting 11111111	Final 11111111	Currency Paid Switzerland Franc
Telephone Number	Fax Number	Email Address

Address of Employer
**3, rue de Beaumont
Geneva, 1206 Switzerland**