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**PRESS RELEASE**

**PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER DISMISSES APPEAL AGAINST THE EXTENSION OF  
PROVISIONAL DETENTION OF IENG THIRITH**

In a Decision rendered today, the Pre-Trial Chamber dismissed the Appeal against an Order extending the provisional detention of Ieng Thirith, and rejected a request for release on bail. Following the Decision of the Pre-Trial Chamber, Ieng Thirith may be held in provisional detention until 12 November 2009.

Ieng Thirith, who held the position as Minister of Social Action during the regime of Democratic Kampuchea, is charged with Crimes against Humanity (the case is still under investigation). She was arrested on 12 November 2007 and subsequently placed in provisional detention, initially for one year, by an order of the Co-Investigating Judges. On 10 November 2008 the Co-Investigating Judges ordered an extension of the provisional detention for a maximum duration of one year (until 12 November 2009).

In its Decision dismissing the Appeal against the extension of the provisional detention, the Pre-Trial Chamber finds that provisional detention still remains a necessary measure to prevent the Charged Person from exerting pressure on witnesses or destroying evidence. Furthermore, the Pre-Trial Chamber deems detention necessary in order to ensure the presence of the Charged Person during the judicial proceedings and to preserve public order.

A summary of the Decision was read out by the President of the Pre-Trial Chamber H.E Prak Kimsan during a public hearing today. A written version of the decision will be made available at the official website of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia [www.eccc.gov.kh](http://www.eccc.gov.kh).

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