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PRESS RELEASE

**ACCESS FOR PUBLIC AND MEDIA TO CASE 002 HEARINGS
ON 19 AND 20 OCTOBER 2011**

The Trial Chamber of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts Of Cambodia has scheduled two hearings on initial specification of Civil Party Claims for reparations and Ieng Thirith's fitness to stand trial on 19 and 20 Oct 2011.

The public hearing in relation to the Civil Party Lead Co-Lawyers' presentation of their reparations submissions shall be public and will commence on 19 October 2011 at 9.00 a.m. The Civil Party Lead Co-lawyers will be allocated 3 hours for this purpose.

Upon the conclusion of the Civil Lead Co-Lawyers' submissions, the Chamber will proceed to consider via a separate hearing the Accused IENG Thirith's fitness to stand trial. The Trial Chamber will commence by questioning the Psychiatric Experts and will then permit these Experts to be questioned by the parties. The Chamber will also hear oral argument concerning the appropriate legal standard to be applied in determining the Accused IENG Thirith's fitness to stand trial, if sought by the parties. This hearing shall commence at 1.30 p.m. on 19 October 2011 in the ECCC Main Courtroom and continue over the following day, if required.

The Trial Chamber has advised that in accordance with Internal Rule 79(6), the hearing on fitness to stand trial will be presumptively public and conducted to the maximum extent possible in open session. The Chamber has, however, already indicated a need to balance the rights of the Accused to privacy concerning medical information, against the public's right to know the basis on which an application on fitness to stand trial will be determined. The hearing will commence in open session. Where any party considers there to be a need to proceed only in closed session, an oral motion may be made to the Chamber. These applications will be heard in open session and granted by the Chamber where the Chamber considers the interests of justice to so require.

Information to visitors:

There are 482 seats in the public gallery. 140 seats have been reserved for Civil Parties in Case 002 diplomats and media. The remaining seats will be distributed to individual visitors on a first come, first served basis. NGOs, schools and others who wish to bring a group of visitors to the hearing must make arrangements with the ECCC Public Affairs Section in advance by writing to pas@eccc.gov.kh

Diplomats who wish to reserve a seat are kindly requested to make a request to pas@eccc.gov.kh

The ECCC recommends visitors arrive at the security gate between 7:30 and 8:00 am in order to leave enough time for security checking and issuance of tickets. Doors to the courtroom will close by 8:45 am or when all seats in the public gallery are fully occupied.

Please kindly be advised that all visitors are required to present an ID (including a photo) at the gate. No persons under 16 years of age will be admitted to the court and persons 16 – 18 years will be admitted only with the guardian ship of an adult. Visitors shall maintain dignity and proper behaviour at all times and shall wear appropriate clothing. No mobile phones, large bags, food or drink are permitted in the public gallery.

The ECCC is located in Chaom Chau, Phnom Penh, 16 km away from the downtown on National Road 4 toward Sihanoukville. Public and media, please enter from the Visitors Gate at the eastern end of the compound. Parking will be provided for visitors with their own vehicles.

Media accreditation:

Advance registration and accreditation is required for all media representatives who wish to be granted access to the ECCC on 19-20 October 2011. The following procedure will apply for media representatives seeking access to the ECCC:

- a) Valid ECCC press accreditation card holders must register their request for access to the hearing with the Public Affairs Section by sending an email to PAS@ECCC.GOV.KH.
- b) Expired ECCC press accreditation card holders must re-submit a completed and signed Media Accreditation Form together with their request for registration to PAS@ECCC.GOV.KH. Please indicate the card number on your expired ECCC accreditation card.
- c) Non-ECCC press accreditation card holders must submit a completed and signed Media Accreditation Form, a jpg portrait photo and a copy of passport together with their request for registration to PAS@ECCC.GOV.KH

The media accreditation form can be downloaded from the ECCC website:

http://www.eccc.gov.kh/sites/default/files/ECCC_Accreditation_Media_Application_Form.doc.

Up to 30 seats in the public gallery of the courtroom have been reserved for representatives of the media. Priority will be given to print media. The remaining media representatives will be accommodated in the media room on the ground floor. Media representatives who wish to be allocated a seat in the public gallery should submit a request for seat reservation together with their registration for attendance of the hearing.

Deadline for media registration and accreditation requests: Tuesday 18 October 2011.

Media Services

The ECCC Public Affairs Section will provide facilities on the ground floor of the court building to assist media during the court hearing.

The Press Work Room (C108) has a quiet space for working and a number of computers with internet connection will be available on a first-come first-served basis. Private laptops may be used but will not be permitted to access the ECCC network or the internet. Please note that there is currently only a limited wifi network available at the ECCC, so media representatives are recommended to bring their own 3G modems.

Audio and Video feeds of the court proceedings will be provided in the Press Viewing Room (C105). Television monitors will provide a transmission of the proceedings in Khmer (room C109) and English (room C105) for media representatives only.

Seats reserved for media in the public gallery

Media representatives should be in their allocated seats 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the hearing. No cameras, laptops, cell phones or recording devices will be permitted in the public gallery.

Photography

ECCC will provide high-resolution photography handouts from the start of the hearing.

Audio

Audio feeds of the proceeding will be provided to media through a **PHONO/XLR** connection. This feed can be accessed in the press room (C105) using one of 48 audio connections (16 each in Khmer, English and French). Additional audio hookups are possible from recorder to recorder if the users bring the required cables. No audio recording will be permitted inside the courtroom.

Video

Video feeds of the proceedings will be provided through a **BNC** connection (PAL signal). This feed can be accessed in the press room (C105) using one of 30 output connections. Additional video hookups are possible from recorder to recorder if the users bring the required cables. No video recording will be allowed inside the courtroom.

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