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Statement of the Co-Chairs of Friends of the Court

The Co-Chairs of the Friends of the Court make this statement on behalf of the donors to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC):

The donors

- strongly support the role of the ECCC created by the international agreement between the Royal Government of Cambodia and the United Nations in delivering justice to the Cambodian people for the atrocities committed under the Khmer Rouge regime.
- welcome the continued momentum in the work of the ECCC, and take special note of the ongoing trial in the ECCC of Kaing Guek Eav, known as Duch, for crimes against humanity, grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions, homicide and torture.
- support the positions of the Royal Government of Cambodia and United Nations to proceed with the tribunal in a fair, efficient and expeditious manner.
- welcome the progress achieved in the Joint Sessions between the Royal Government of Cambodia and the United Nations to strengthen the ECCC's human resources management, including anti-corruption measures.
- note that the Royal Government of Cambodia and the United Nations have made broad progress to set up anti-corruption measures within the ECCC.

- urge the Royal Government of Cambodia and the United Nations to agree on structure that would ensure the requirements of due process of law, including full protection against any possible retaliation for good faith reporting of wrongdoing as stated on the Joint Statement of February 23.
- stand ready to assist the ECCC in reaching its important goal.
- welcome, in this regard, the new contribution of the Government of Japan to finance the Cambodian share of the Trial budget, as well as additional funding that will cover the shortfall of the Cambodian side for the ECCC operational costs and stand ready to convene a Friends of the Court meeting in the first half of May, 2009.

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