



## **Joint Statement**

**Between**

**His Excellency Mr. Bin Chhin, Deputy Prime Minister**

**Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers, and Chairman of  
the Royal Government Task Force on the Proceedings of the ECCC**

**And**

**Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and  
United Nations Legal Counsel**

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We express our continuing full support for the important work of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC).

The work of the ECCC, a national court established with international participation and assistance, demonstrates the commitment on the part of the United Nations, the Royal Government of Cambodia and the international community that there must be justice for the victims of the shocking crimes committed during the Khmer Rouge regime.

The delivery of the judgement by the Trial Chamber of the ECCC in Case 002/02, scheduled for 16 November 2018, constitute another important milestone in the work of the ECCC. The process will serve as an invaluable historical record for the people of Cambodia. The conclusion of this trial also demonstrates once again that the ECCC has the capacity to conduct complex prosecutions in accordance with due process and international standards.

We take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation to all who have contributed and continue to contribute to this process – the judges and prosecutors, lawyers, court officials and staff, both national and international.

We look forward to the ECCC continuing its important work and call upon all involved to continue to support and uphold the independent judicial process to ensure full accountability in accordance with the mandate of the ECCC.