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PRESS STATEMENT

This afternoon H.E. Deputy Prime Minister Sok An and Ms Patricia O'Brien, Under Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, the Legal Counsel of the United Nations, met at the Office of the Council of Ministers to discuss recent developments at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC).

Both Parties reiterated their strong support for the work of the ECCC, their appreciation to the donors, and pride in its success achieved to date, including unprecedented public participation. They stressed the critical importance of Case 002 as one of the most significant cases in international judicial history, bringing to trial all the surviving senior leaders of a genocidal regime.

The Deputy Prime Minister emphasised the need for decision makers on both sides to discharge their responsibilities without allowing themselves to be distracted by intense speculation, pressure and interference from the media and other outside parties.

They welcomed the imminent Final Judgment in Case 001 and the announcement that the substantive trial in Case 002 will commence on 21 November 2011 and they expressed their desire that the judicial processes move forward speedily and smoothly.