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Judges ready to try Khmer Rouge leaders

The judges for the long-awaited Khmer Rouge genocide trials in Cambodia have announced that they are ready for court proceedings to start.

After a six-month delay because of disagreements between Cambodian and United Nations judicial officials, the judges have settled on the ground rules for the special court.

It means there should soon be official confirmation of which former Khmer Rouge leaders will face trial and what charges they will face.

Co-prosecutor Robert Petit said the lengthy preparations to establish the trial framework were justified.

"Given all the complexities and after intensive work and consultations, we are pleased to have finalised the rules within a reasonable time," he said.

"It has been a worthwhile process."