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**Press Release**  
**Conclusion of Conference on Hybrid Perspectives on the Legacies of**  
**Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia**

The Conference on Hybrid Perspectives on Legacies of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), co-organized by the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) and the Cambodian Human Rights Action Committee (CHRAC), was concluded today after two days of active discussion.

During the two days, four panel discussions and six working groups were held, in which 60 national and international guest speakers and more than 200 participants, including ECCC judges, judicial officials, international judicial experts, law professors, and NGO members, discussed and exchanged their thoughts on various topics relating to the ECCC’s legacies, including judicial and non-judicial legacies, jurisprudential legacy, psychological legacy, lessons learned from the ECCC as well as from other international(ized) tribunals.

The conference concluded with a wide range of recommendations for maximising the ECCC’s legacies. In the short term, it must be funded to continue its important work. In the long term, it should continue and engage more deeply with for the national judicial and legal system to transfer skills and knowledge as well as court procedures and administration. Some of the most notable legacies of the ECCC, heard around the world, are: the important role of victims as Civil Parties in the proceedings, the unprecedented public support and involvement in the court, and the message that there is no limit on impunity for mass crimes, even 40 years after they were committed.

The ECCC’s legacies will not be determined only by what goes on in the courtroom, but by a large number of individuals and organisations participating in its work and in related activity, many of whom participated in the conference. Some of their efforts are already producing tangible legacies, such as the ECCC Virtual Tribunal and the Legal Documentation Centre.

The co-organizers will compile all the discussions and recommendations and will produce a written report of the conference later on. The report will then be disseminated to the public.

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