



27 April 2010

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ECCC PTC PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Pre-Trial Chamber of the ECCC has scheduled public hearings on Friday 30 April at 9 am for the delivery of its decisions on Appeals from Ieng Sary, Khieu Samphan and Ieng Thirith, respectively, against Orders extending their provisional detention.

Three hearings are scheduled as follows:

- 9:00 am: hearing for Ieng Sary
- 10:30 am: hearing for Khieu Samphan
- 2:00 pm: hearing for Ieng Thirith

Background: The Pre-Trial Chamber conducted a Public Hearing of the appeals against the extension of provisional detention by the charged persons Ieng Sary on 11 February 2010, Khieu Samphan on 12 February 2010 and Ieng Thirith on 15 February 2010, respectively.

Invitation: Members of the public, media, NGOs, diplomatic and government representatives are invited to attend in person. A live feed will be provided to radio and television stations, and a limited number of photographers will be permitted in the main court room where the public will be seated.

All people must be in their designated seats 30 minutes before the opening of the session. It is recommended to arrive at the ECCC between 7:30 am and 8:00 am in order to leave enough time for security check and issuance of tickets. Gates will close by 8.45am or when all seats in the court room are fully occupied.

All persons seeking admission to the ECCC must present a proof of identification (including a photo) and must pass through a security check. Please note that no persons under 16 years of age will be admitted to the courtroom. No mobile phones, large bags, food or drink will be permitted in the main court room.

Individual members of the general public are encouraged to register in advance and will be seated on a first come, first served basis. The majority of the public gallery's 500 seats are reserved for Civil Parties and villagers from provinces who will be transported by the court and NGOs.

Transport: the ECCC will provide free buses for the media and public who do not have their own means of transport from downtown Phnom Penh to the ECCC and return. Buses will leave from in front of the main Phnom Penh Railway Station between 7.30 and 8.00am on the day of the hearing. Advance registration is required.

The Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia are situated in Chaom Chau, 16 kilometres away from Phnom Penh, on the left hand side of National Route 4. Public visitors and media representatives, please enter from the Visitors Gate at the eastern end of the compound.

Facilities: Drinking water will be provided in the hallway outside the courtroom. No food or drink

is allowed in the courtroom. Food will be available for purchase at the public canteen. Toilets are available for the public in the court building and in the car park. Assistance for those with disabilities will be provided, including wheelchair access.

To register for seats and transport, please contact Chin Hemvichet as follows:

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