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Press Release

The Civil Party Lawyers representing the individual civil parties and the Civil Party Lead Co-Lawyers representing the interest of the single consolidated group of victims at the Trial Stage welcome the Pre-Trial Chamber (PTC) decisions dated June 24, 2011 on the appeals lodged by the Civil Party Applicants and thereby agreeing with most of the appeals grounds submitted by the Civil Party lawyers against the Co-Investigating Judges' Orders on Admissibility of the Civil Party Applications

As a result, **1728** Civil Parties have been declared admissible. With these decisions the PTC have accepted the vast majority of those victims that filed a Victim Information Form before the ECCC to participate as a civil party. The number of civil parties participating in the Trial of Case 002 is now 3850.

The increased number of civil parties is not an impediment to the effective administration of justice. On the contrary, it confirms the vital role that civil parties play in the proceedings before the ECCC.