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Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia Office of the Co-Prosecutors

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## PRESS STATEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CO-PROSECUTOR

In view of the continued public interest in the proceedings pertaining to the disagreement between the Co-Prosecutors and pursuant to Internal Rule 54, the International Co-Prosecutor is issuing this press statement.

On 18 November 2008, the International Co-Prosecutor filed a notice of disagreement amongst the Co-Prosecutors ("Disagreement") concerning the appropriateness of opening new judicial investigations against additional suspects for crimes committed within the jurisdiction of this Court. On 1 December 2008, he filed his substantive Statement of Disagreement ("Statement"). On 29 December 2008, the National Co-Prosecutor filed her response to the Statement. The Pre-Trial Chamber ("Chamber") has since registered the proceedings as Disagreement № 001/18-11-2008/ECCC/PTC.

On 6 February 2009, the Chamber invited the Co-Prosecutors to file, before 27 February 2009, further submissions, if any, concerning the Disagreement. In response, the International Co-Prosecutor, on 19 February 2009, informed the Chamber that he had no further submissions to make, while the National Co-Prosecutor, on 27 February 2009, filed certain additional documents. On 7 April 2009, the National Co-Prosecutor, on her own initiative, requested permission to file further documents.

On 24 April 2009, the Chamber directed the Co-Prosecutors to separately respond, before 22 May 2009, to certain questions formulated by the Chamber concerning the Disagreement, and to file replies to each other's responses by 29 May 2009. The Chamber directed that an oral hearing, if required, may then be held on 5 June 2009. If an oral hearing is indeed scheduled, the International Co-Prosecutor shall request the Chamber to hold it, at least partially, in public.