Joint Statement
by
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and
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A constructive meeting regarding ongoing developments at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) was held today at the Office of the Council of Ministers between Deputy Prime Minister His Excellency Dr Sok An and Ambassador David Scheffer during his latest regular visit to Cambodia.

They noted that the ECCC continues to make steady progress on the discharge of its caseload, including at this time the Trial Chamber conducting its examination of the facts relating to the charges of genocide in Case 002/02.

The parties reaffirmed the Joint Statement between the Deputy Prime Minister and U.N. Assistant Secretary-General Stephen Mathias on 17 November 2015 and the commitment therein to full implementation of the cooperation agreement between the Royal Government of Cambodia and the United Nations, including for the two cases under judicial investigation. The Royal Government indicated that relevant steps are being taken towards a satisfactory solution.

Regarding the financial situation of the ECCC, they recorded positively recent significant contributions to the ECCC, including $1.2 million from Japan to the international side, and a commitment from the Cambodian government for $4.15 million, amounting to 62% of the ECCC’s 2016 national budget. Further contributions are urgently required to fulfil the financial needs of the Court. In this regard, the RGC supports the subvention request made by the UN Secretary-General for the international component of the budget and, in turn, the Special Expert expressed his commitment to work with the Cambodian government in the search for contributions to support the national component.

The parties recognised the importance of the ECCC trials and jurisprudence and how they are creating a fulsome historical record of the years of the Pol Pot regime, as well as aiding the long process of national reconciliation in Cambodia. The voices of the victims are being heard and the events requiring judicial scrutiny are being presented in an open courtroom. The parties noted that to date more than 193,000 individuals, the overwhelming majority being Cambodian citizens, have witnessed the trial proceedings of the ECCC since 2009. That number exceeds the totality of spectators of all the other international and hybrid criminal tribunals created since 1993.
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