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FOURTH COLLOQUIUM OF INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTORS – PHNOM PENH, 7-8 NOVEMBER 2007

The principal prosecutors of all the international and hybrid criminal tribunals will meet at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (“ECCC”) in Phnom Penh for a two-day colloquium on 7 and 8 November 2007. The colloquium will highlight the challenges facing prosecutions of serious violations of international criminal law at courts like the ECCC.

ECCC Co-Prosecutors Chea Leang and Robert Petit will host the colloquium. Attendees will include Larry D. Johnson, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations for Legal Affairs, Carla Del Ponte, the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, Hassan Jallow, the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Stephen Rapp, Chief Prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, and Fatou Bensouda, the Deputy Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court at the Hague.

Following the previous colloquia held in Arusha, Tanzania in 2004, Freetown, Sierra Leone in 2005, and the Hague in the Netherlands in 2006, this colloquium will address current issues and concerns facing international criminal tribunals globally. It will provide a setting for international prosecutors and their senior colleagues to exchange ideas and will offer a unique opportunity to generate discussion on topics crucial to the development of international criminal law and the successful prosecution of those who violate it.

The five institutions represented at the colloquium are charged with prosecuting perpetrators of the gravest offenses, including genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity. The prosecutors will use this colloquium to continue to ensure that those responsible for violating the most fundamental rights of humankind are brought to justice, regardless of when and where the atrocities occurred.

The colloquium will include an opening ceremony, a roundtable discussion entitled *Here and Now: Current Challenges of International Prosecutions*, a tour of the ECCC and a series of sessions on topics of particular significance to the participating institutions.

The roundtable discussion will take place between **0900 and 1130 hrs on Wednesday, 7 November 2007 in the main courtroom of the ECCC**. This is the only session that is open to the public. The ECCC and the international prosecutors encourage all members of the public and media to attend. The discussion will be followed by a short press conference and group and individual photo opportunities with the participating prosecutors. Additionally the prosecutors will be available for brief individual interviews.

Media representatives who wish to cover the roundtable discussion and press conference are requested to confirm their attendance by email at 4th_Prosecutors_Colloquium@un.org or by phone at (855) 023 219 814 ext 6204 (English) or ext 6032 (Khmer) no later than 3 November 2007.