PRESS RELEASE

The Director of Administration of the ECCC has decided, in the interests of transparency and fairness, to release the findings of the special audits of the Cambodian side of the ECCC commissioned by UNDP in early 2007, together with Cambodian responses.

While audits are normally not made public, the Cambodian side of the ECCC, as the subject of the audits, has been in favour of releasing this report, as it has repeatedly told the ECCC's donors. In deference to UNDP's view that the audit report was an internal document, this was not done until now.

In recent weeks, parts of the report have been selectively leaked to the media, in a fashion that gives a distorted and negative view of the ECCC. Further, on 25 September 2007 UNDP published its own summary of the audit report on its web site. In these circumstances, we are making the entire document public on the ECCC website (www.eccc.gov.kh) to put an end to uninformed speculation that damages the process of justice.

In its original form, the audit report included Cambodian responses in attachments. We have here inserted them into the main text to make it easier for the reader, deleted the names of individual staff members mentioned in the report and added some brief comments updating the responses.

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