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Statement from the International Judges of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia

The international judges of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia were pleased to learn of the recent decision of the Cambodian Bar Council to institute a flat registration fee of 500 USD for all international lawyers appearing before the court. The international judges are confident that this fee will not hinder international lawyers, particularly those working in a pro bono capacity, from registering with the Cambodian Bar and taking part in the historic work of the Extraordinary Chambers.

With this decision, the international judges believe that a successful plenary can now be called to adopt the internal rules of the Extraordinary Chambers. It is expected that this plenary will be held in the last week of May 2007.

The international judges express their hope that Extraordinary Chambers can move forward without further delay, so as to discharge its historic responsibility to find justice for the Cambodian people.

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