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## S T A T E M E N T

### **by the Spokesperson on the verdict against former senior leaders of Democratic Kampuchea**

"We welcome the verdict pronounced today by the Judges of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia in the case 002/01 against former senior leaders of Democratic Kampuchea Nuon Chea and Khieu Samphan. Their condemnation is an important positive step in the global fight against impunity. It demonstrates that any political leaders can be held accountable for their acts, even decades after they were committed.

As a member of the Friends of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), the EU has contributed substantially to the functioning of the Court over the last years. The EU intends to continue its support in the interest of justice for the victims of the Khmer Rouge regime and to contribute to the national reconciliation process in Cambodia."

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