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UK PLEDGES ANOTHER £600,000 TO ECCC

The Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia appreciates that the Government of the United Kingdom has pledged a new contribution of £600,000 (approximately US\$ 1 million) to the international component of the ECCC.

The UK's Foreign Secretary William Hague announced the voluntary contribution in a statement issued on 13 December, saying that the new pledge would help secure accountability for some of the most horrific crimes against humanity in a recent history.

"The Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia is delivering long awaited justice for millions of Cambodians," said Mr. Hague in the statement. "The scale of the crimes committed and the number of victims makes it one of the most significant tribunals of its kind since Nuremberg."

The UK has contributed US\$ 6.95 million (US\$ 5.4 million to the international and US\$ 1.5 million to the national side) since the inception of the court in 2006. The new pledge brings the UK's contribution to the ECCC to around US\$ 7.9 million.

"On behalf of the ECCC, we'd like to express our sincere appreciation for the latest pledge made by the British Government during the time the court faces a significant shortfall in funding," said Acting Director of Administration Tony Kranh and Officer-in-Charge of the UN Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials Rajeev Kumra in a joint statement.

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