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During his 11th mission to the Kingdom of Cambodia, His Excellency Thomas Hammarberg, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Human Rights in Cambodia held a series of meetings, in which a number of human rights issues of concern were discussed.

During the working session between the Special Representative and the Cambodian Human Rights Committee, agreement was reached on a number of points:

- The Cambodian Human Rights Committee of the Government of Cambodia, will be the focal point for the November 1998 visit of the Group of Experts appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General to examine the possibility of proceedings against Khmer Rouge leaders.

- The United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will identify two international experts to assist the Government in reviewing the Cambodian legal system and in improving criminal investigation methodology.

- The Cambodian Human Rights Committee and the Cambodia Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will continue to cooperate to ensure the successful implementation of the initiatives mentioned above.

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