

Khmer Rouge: talks to start

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Cambodia will send a delegation to the United Nations to rekindle talks on a proposed tribunal to try former leaders of the genocidal Khmer Rouge regime, the Prime Minister, Hun Sen, said today.

The Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, has invited the Cambodian negotiators to visit the U.N. in New York on Jan. 6 to prepare for detailed talks in Phnom

Penh at a later date, he said.

"I regard this as the beginning," Mr. Hun Sen told reporters, adding that the Cabinet Minister, Sok An, would lead the Cambodian delegation.

The U.N. suspended the five-year-old tribunal talks with Cambodia in February, citing lack of commitment by the Cambodian Government to ensure a free and fair trial. — AP

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