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To His Excellency Joseph Yun,

We, the Cambodian-Americans, are concerned about the deteriorating of democracy, and human rights. The excruciating pain & suffering of innocent Cambodian People, and especially the Cambodian women and children must stop. The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) is at a crossroad of democracy, and it is reverting back to a dictatorial style of governing if we are not fully engaged to rebalancing its power and to neutralize a culture human rights violations, extrajudicial killings, corruptions, nepotism, and abusive of military and police power on ordinary citizens.

The recent arbitrary arrest, mistreatment, and imprisonment of Human Rights Defenders (14 women and a man) of the Boeung Kak Lake (BKL) Community in Phnom Penh on May 22 & 24, 2012 require that the State Department and Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs immediately intervene and demand the RGC to unconditionally release all of them. This unjustifiable act executed by the RGC has raised many eyebrows of Cambodian-Americans, human rights defenders from various organizations such as Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, International Federation for Human Rights, and many others.

The extrajudicial killing of Mr. Chhut Vuthy, President of the Natural Resource Conservation Group by the Royal Government Cambodian Armed Forces as well as the death threat and intimation to Prey Lang Activists¹ (Avatar Activists) are intolerable. We strongly urge the State Department and the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs to take an active role to defend and safeguard current and future leaders of our Forest & Natural Resource Conservation such as Prey Lang Activists, and ask Prime Minister Hun Sen and the RGC to cease and desist of their current practice.

The culture of impunity has become a common practice in Cambodia by the Elite Members of the Cambodians People Party (CPP). For instance, Mr. Chouk Bundith, a Mayor of Bavet was shooting and injured three female factory workers from the Kaoway Sports Factory

¹ <http://preylang.com/the-forest/>.

on February 20, 2012 while they were protesting in front of the company. Their lives have been saved but their pain & suffering including the fear of reprisal is remained constant. Mr. Chouk Bundith is living free in his luxury life under the protection of high ranking CPP's Official and his CPP.

The United Nations spent almost 2.5 billion dollars to carry out the 1991 Paris Peace Agreement on Cambodia (PPA of 1991) in order to restore peace, freedom, democracy, and the rule of law to Cambodia. Unfortunately, human rights & democracy activists, and political oppositionists have been intimidated and/or killed one after another, and no justice has been given to the victims.

The PPA of 1991 under Section III, Article III says, "All persons in Cambodia shall enjoy the rights and freedoms embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other relevant international human rights instruments". Mr. Hun Sen and his Government have accustomed to a culture of assassinations, acquisitions, and intimidations of politicians and activists, and they also use judicial system as a tool to oppress and imprison people such as the 15 activists from Boeung Kak Lake Community.

Mr. Hun Sen and his Government have breached every aspects of the PPA of 1991. We, the Cambodian-Americans, want the PPA of 1991 be reconvened or actively enforced by the United Nations Security Council, and we highly urge the U.S. to take a leader's role in this.

We, Cambodian-Americans urge U.S. State Department to foster and protect these following focus areas:

1. Democracy
2. Human Rights
3. Land grabbing and forced evictions
4. Freedom of Speech and Expression
5. Extrajudicial killings
6. Culture of Impunity
7. Corruption
8. Human Trafficking
9. Security and Safe of Cambodian-Americans visiting Cambodia

We strongly urge Mr. Joseph Yun (the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs Office) and Secretary Clinton, to raise the above mentioned issues with RGC and the Foreign Minister of Cambodia, Mr. Hor Namhong, during his visit to the State Department.

We are aware that the United States' agenda with Cambodia is broad, but we believe no individual or country could deprive the human dignity, and rule the country under a state of terror such as Mr. Hun Sen and his RGC. We urgently ask you, Mr. Joseph Yun, and the Secretary Clinton, to use all necessarily diplomatic power to realign Mr. Hun Sen and his RGC back onto the right track on Human Rights and Democracy, and to govern a country by those who wanted to be governed and by respecting the will of the people.

I have attached some evidential documents and videos that I compiled from various sources regarding to crimes, human rights violations, and abusive acts by the RGC on DVD1 [100 pages of evidence] and DVD2 [about 1 – 2 hours of live events] respectively.

I thank you and Secretary Clinton in advance for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

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