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**The Princess Royal Anne's Official
Visit to Cambodia**

Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal Anne of Britain paid an official visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia from 30 April - 04 May 2002.

During her visit, The Princess Royal was granted a Royal Audience by Their Majesties the King and Queen of Cambodia at the Royal Palace.

The Princess Royal had meetings with Samdech Krom Preah NORODOM Ranariddh, President of the National Assembly, and Samdech HUN Sen, Prime Minister.



Samdech Prime Minister HUN Sen greets The Princess Royal Anne
of Britain upon her arrival at Pochentong Airport

The Princess Royal also visited a range of United Kingdom supported organizations to promote the future development work in Cambodia.

The Princess Royal is the only daughter of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II. She was baptized Anne Elizabeth Alice Louise and received the title Princess Royal from the Queen in June 1987.

Toast by Samdech Prime Minister HUN Sen

Following in the integral text of a toast of Samdech Prime Minister HUN Sen, delivered on 02 May 2002, at a banquet in Honor of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland :

Your Royal Highness the Princess Royal

Samdech Preah Ream

Your Royal Highness

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Royal Government and the people of Cambodia, I would like to extend our warmest welcome to Your Royal Highness and members of Your Royal Highness delegation for the official visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

The Royal Government and the people of Cambodia are profoundly delighted by Your Royal Highness first and historical visit to Cambodia. Your Royal Highness had caught sight of the ancient temples symbolizing thousands years of Khmer civilization and culture regarded as the seventh world wonder.

Your Royal Highness visit today clearly reflects the sound relations between the Royal families of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain as well as the excellent friendship between the two peoples.

I strongly believe Your Royal Highness present visit would enhance the existing great bonds of friendship and cooperation between our two Kingdoms.

The successful restoration of peace and stability nationwide is the most important factor for the Royal Government in developing all social economic fields. At the same time the progress on democratic pluralism, respect of human rights, judicial reforms, etc. is moving toward the right direction.

In the year 2000 through to 2001, despite Cambodia was badly hit by heavy floods, its economic growth remained steadfast. The recent commune council elections successfully undertaken were deriving from the success of enhancement of democracy and the decentralization at the grass root level.

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has generously provided multiple kinds of assistance for aforementioned development projects directly to the Royal Government of Cambodia or through the non-governmental organizations such as Save the Children Fund, World Vision, Cambodia Trust, OXFAM, just to name a few.

I am hopeful that during Your visit, Your Royal Highness has noted the legacy left by wars and the genocidal regime of the Khmer Rouge and also what the Royal Government and people of Cambodia have proudly realized from the worst tragedy from 1979 to the present.

Furthermore, "Save the Children Fund" under Your Royal Highness chairmanship has since assisted Cambodian children during their hardship in the 80's after the collapse of the barbaric regime of the Khmer Rouge.

In this very happy occasion, I would like to extend our profound gratitude to the Royal Government of Great Britain, and personally to Your Royal Highness, for having helped Cambodia in its efforts for socio-economic development in the post civil wars and the genocidal regime of the Khmer Rouge – a period that lasted nearly three decades. Today the only war we have to overcome is poverty reduction in order to move Cambodia forward with a strong economic support and development.

In this auspicious occasion, to conclude and to extend warmest welcome to Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal's visit to Cambodia and to the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the Kingdom of Cambodia and the United Kingdom, I would like to invite Your Royal Highness, Samdech Preah Ream, Your Royal Highnesses, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen to join me a toast to:

- the good health and longevity of His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk, King of Cambodia and Her Majesty Queen Norodom Monineath Sihanouk
- the good health and longevity of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- the good health of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal
- the everlasting bonds of friendship between our two Peoples and Governments
- the good health of Samdech Preah Ream, Your Royal Highness, Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen here present.

Thank You

Statement by Senior Minister HOR Namhong
at the United Nations Special Session on Children

Following in the integral text of a statement of Senior Minister HOR Namhong, delivered on 09 May 2002, at the United Nations Special Session on Children:

Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC), I wish to take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation to the United Nations for hosting this Special Session on Children, after the postponement of this meeting last year due to the tragic terrorist attacks against this bright and proud metropolitan city.

Our gathering here at the United Nations to discuss and share our concerns on the profound challenges facing children in the world are very much relevant and important to all of us.

As a personal representative of the Prime Minister of Cambodia, I am pleased to be here among many distinguished delegates whom, I am sure, share the same aspirations and goals for a better future of our children. I wish to congratulate the United Nations for actively promoting the rights of children, for expanding the opportunities for the children. The United Nations, therefore, deserves our respect, recognition and support.

We all know that today the lives of children are negatively affected by the current state of poverty in many parts of the world and the lack of access to everything, from health to education, from food to personal security. The poverty is further aggravated by the negative effects of globalization on developing countries. By and large, poverty leads to child labor and lack of education for the children. Globalization also has exacerbated those issues involved with the children, such as child prostitution, child pornography, and other forms of child exploitation. We

cannot and should not underestimate the challenges and the problems confronting the children in poor countries today.

*Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

I now wish to share with you what Cambodia has done with respect to the protection and promotion of the rights of our children. Despite the challenges Cambodia has been confronting for many years now, the Royal Government of Cambodia has been strongly committed to the protection of the rights of children and the promotion of their livelihoods.

As part of its commitment to children, Cambodia had ratified a number of conventions, in particular, Convention on the Rights of the Child, International Labor Organization (ILO) Convention No. 138, and the twin Optional Protocols concerning the Children in Armed Conflict and the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography.

In terms of concrete actions, the Cambodian National Council for Children (CNCC) was established as a national mechanism for coordination, participation, consultation and monitoring the implementation of the Rights of the Child. The CNCC has been expanded and strengthened its network throughout the country. Moreover, in March 2000, a national Five-Year Plan against Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children was adopted and has been implemented ever since by the government in partnership with other important actors, such as international organizations, NGOs, and civil societies.

Many efforts for the well-being of the Cambodian children have been made, in particular, in the most needy rural areas, including health care, education, nutrition, and safe water supply. Polio was successfully eradicated since 1997. Regarding the HIV/AIDS prevention, the Five Year Common Strategy (2001-2005) was developed and has since been implemented, and the awareness campaign has been realized with some concrete behavioral changes.

Furthermore, the “Say Yes Campaign” was launched by Prime Minister *Samdech Hun Sen* on April 26 last year. The three key priorities of this campaign are: “**Educate Every Child,**” “**Leave No Child Out,**” and “**Fight HIV/AIDS**” for children. This campaign has mobilized public support and strengthened cooperation throughout the country at all levels. I must emphasize that the

“Say Yes Campaign” has been an important strategy for advancing the interests of the children in our society.

However, in spite of our drastic efforts, Cambodia continues to face many difficulties and challenges due to the lack of resources and poverty in remote areas, such as the lack of schools and insufficient number of teachers. At the same time, Cambodia has confronted with the worldwide network of child trafficking as in many parts of the world, which the government remains strongly committed to fight in cooperation with the international and regional organization.

Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would also like to bring to your attention that within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), we have paid close attention to the rights and development of children in our region. The recent discussions at the 4th Meeting of ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Social Welfare held in August 2001 in Singapore strongly underlined the real challenges facing our children at the regional level.

ASEAN has consistently committed itself to the rights and protection of children through its 1993 “*ASEAN Plan of Action on Children*”. It has called, among other things, the need for creating opportunities for children to express their views, advocate their rights and concerns; and the need for ensuring the ASEAN child a better future by enhancing functional literacy and promoting access to education; the need for protection of children from HIV/AIDS and drug abuse; and the need for protection of children from all forms of violence, abuse, trafficking and exploitation.

I wish to emphasize in this occasion that not only the resolution of this Special Session of the United Nations on Children be adopted, but more importantly that **concrete actions** be delivered in developing countries, in particular the least developed countries (LDCs), in order to help children to have more access to school and health, as well as to end **once and for all** child trafficking. If there is no concrete plan of actions, the current situation of the children in the world not only remains the same, **but it will continue to further deteriorate.**

Finally, as far as Cambodia is concerned, we are strongly committed to join the United Nations, the international community and other international organizations in **collective actions** and

shared responsibility to promote the well-being of the children worldwide, especially in making “**A World Fit for Children**” and a better world for tomorrow’s generations.

What we need is **deeds** and **not words**.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Farewell Call by US Ambassador

On 02 May 2002, at 09:30, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, His Excellency Senior Minister HOR Namhong, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, received His Excellency Mr. Kent Wiedemann, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America, in a fare well call.

During the meeting, H. E. Mr. Kent Wiedeman expressed his sincere thanks to the Senior Minister for having worked closely with the US Embassy for the improvement of the relations between the two countries. He added that USA extensively supported ASEAN in its fight against terrorism and praised Cambodia for hosting the ASEAN Summit in November this year.



Senior Minister HOR Namhong in a farewell call by US Ambassador Kent Wiedeman

H. E. Mr. Kent Wiedeman stressed that the United States would continue to assist Cambodia in demining in the fields of Education and Health. He also touched on the direct coordination with the Ministry of Social Affairs, Labor, Vocational Training and Youth Rehabilitation on women and children trafficking.

Senior Minister HOR Namhong highly appreciated the Ambassador's endeavors and renewed the Royal Government of Cambodia's wishes to better the relations between the two governments, and deeply thanked the US Government for providing aids to the Cambodian people.

The Senior Minister also informed H.E. Mr. Kent Wiedeman on Cambodia's preparation to host the Greater Mekong Sub-Region (GMS) Summit) and 8th ASEAN Summit, including ASEAN+3, ASEAN+ I, ASEAN + India and ASEAN Business Summit.

Senior Minister HOR Namhong stressed that Cambodia has strongly committed to eradicate drugs and women and children trafficking, and thanked the US Government for its comprehension and assistance.

Senior Minister HOR Namhong Meets MRC Consultant

On 22 May 2002, His Excellency Senior Minister HOR Namhong, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, met Dr. Rafeuddin Ahmed, Former Under Secretary-General of United Nations and Mekong River Commission (MRC) high-level Strategic Consultant, who was in Cambodia on a strategic consultancy mission on Mekong River Commission Secretariat

(MRCS). Also present at the meeting was Mrs. Dominique Ait Ouyahai-McAdams, UNDP Resident Representative.



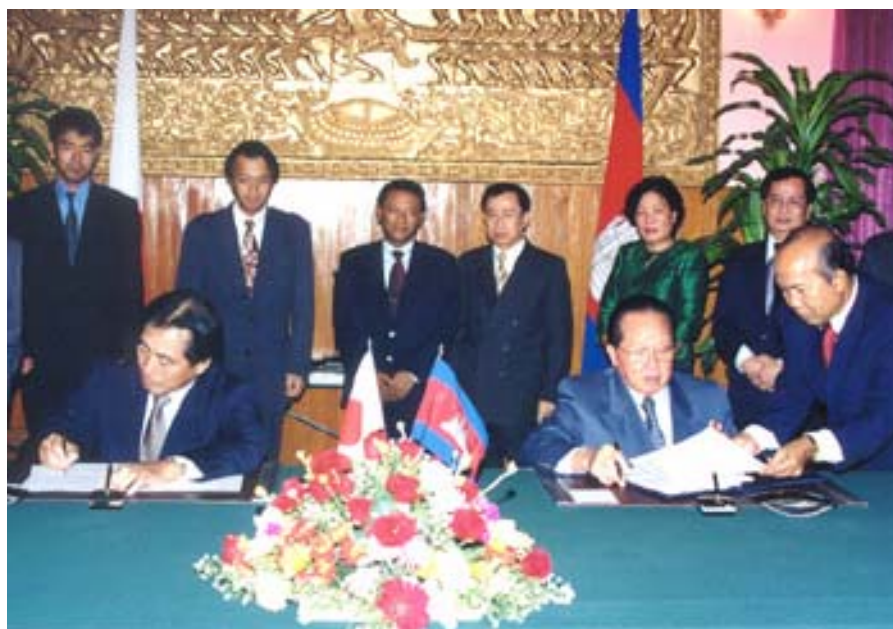
Senior Minister HOR Namhong Meets with MRC Consultant Dr. Rafeuddin Ahmed,

After informing Senior Minister HOR Namhong of the main purpose of his mission, which was to review the issue of the proposed move of the MRCS from Phnom Penh to Vientiane, Laos, Dr. Ahmed stressed that he would discuss informally with the four member states of the MRC in order to identify a way forward that was acceptable to all member states and donor governments. Dr. Ahmed also highlighted the difficulties of and consequences resulted from the proposed move as well as the attention paid by the MRC and donor countries to the importance of sustaining an efficient and cost effective secretariat for the MRC.

His Excellency Senior Minister HOR Namhong shared the views expressed by Dr. Ahmed and briefed the latter on the four main institutes relating to the Mekong River, namely ASEAN-Mekong Basin Development Cooperation (AMBDC), ESCAP, MRC, and Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) with the stress on the necessary to coordinate their activities.

Senior Minister HOR Namhong Signs Exchange of Notes with Ambassador of Japan

On 23 May 2002, at 04:00 p.m., at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, His Excellency Senior Minister HOR Namhong, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and His Excellency Mr. Gotaro OGAWA, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, signed an Exchange of Notes on a grant up to ¥ 2,131,000,000 (two billion one hundred and thirty one million yen), approximately equivalent to USD 15,780,000 (fifteen million seven hundred and eighty thousand US dollars, provided by the Government of Japan.



Senior Minister HOR Namhong Signs Exchange of Notes with Ambassador of Japan

The grant will be used by the Royal Government of Cambodia in the execution of the project for Expansion of Electricity Supply Facilities in Siem Reap province during the period between the date of coming into force of the present arrangements and March 31, 2004.

According to the Japanese Embassy's Release, this project that will be completed in 22 months (including the details design) is to :

- Construct a new power plant station of about 10,000 kW capacity with installation of 3 sets diesel generators of 3,500 kW/set. The site is along the National Road No. 6, about 3.5 km from the city to the East,

- Construct 22 kV lines to connect the new power plant with the existing distribution network, and
- Provide consultant's service including the training of operation and maintenance staff of the new power station.

Senior Minister HOR Namhong Meets Director-General of Mekong Department of ADB

On 30 May 2002, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, His Excellency Senior Minister **HOR Namhong**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, met His Excellency Mr. **Rajat Nag**, Director General of the Mekong Regional Department of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Headquarters.

During the discussions, Mr. Rajat Nag informed His Excellency the Senior Minister that ADB had prepared the two following initiatives as the outcome of the GMS Summit to be held in Cambodia :

Software initiatives: The three main components of the Software Initiatives are " Phnom Penh Plan " co-financed by ADB by providing each year USD 500.000 as scholarship for specific training for 100 scholars from the GMS countries; Accession of People's Republic of China and Myanmar to the Agreement for the Facilitation of Cross-Border Movement of People and Goods in the GMS; and Signing of the intergovernmental Agreement on Power Trade.

Hardware initiatives: the three specific of Investment Projects are: Road Network Improvement Project (Poipet-Siem Reap); Mekong River Tourism Infrastructure Development; and Northern Economic Corridor (Kunming-Chiang Rai via Lao People's Democratic Republic Road Improvement Project).



**Senior Minister HOR Namhong
Meets Director General of Mekong Regional Department of ADB**

His Excellency the Senior Minister suggested ADB to consider the creation of a Training Center in Phnom Penh to meet the necessity in human resources development for the GMS countries. He also renewed the attention paid by the Royal government of Cambodia to flood control as well as its concern over the impact resulted from the Mekong-Lancang River Navigation Improvement Project.

Mr. Rajat also stressed that ADB had closely been cooperating with the Mekong River Commission on flood control and shared the above-mentioned concern expressed by Senior Minister HOR Namhong. He also informed the Senior Minister of the ADB's preparation for Donor Coordination Meeting and Private Sectors Meeting, to be held respectively in September and October 2002 in Phnom Penh.

**Handover Ceremony of the Japanese Contribution
of Rice in Support of WFP Project**

On 31 May 2002, at 15:30, at the MICASA Hotel, a hand over ceremony of WFP supplies of 5,620 metric tons of rice was held between His Excellency Senior Minister HOR Namhong, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, H.E. Mr. Gotaro OGAWA, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Ms. Rebecca HANSEN, Representative/Country Director of the United Nations WFP Cambodia.



Senior Minister HOR Namhong receives a sample of rice package from Japanese Ambassador Gotaro OGAWA

This donation, the total value of which is estimated at US\$ 3,557,850, will be distributed for voluntary public works through " food-for-work " programme in the maintenance and rehabilitation of irrigation system, the flood rehabilitation project, and the training of government staff and farmers in irrigation management.

According to the WFP's release, the rice and the irrigation expertise would ultimately lead to a high agriculture production for the country. The project, running from January 2002 to December 2006, would be implemented in the there main rice-producing regions of provinces around the Tonle Sap Lake and Mekong River. For the first year, activities would be concentrated in Banteay Mean Chey, Siem Reap and Kampong Speu, said the release.

Joint Press Release

2nd Session of the European Commission (EC) /Cambodia Joint Committee

- The Second Session of the EC/Cambodia Joint Committee established by the Cooperation Agreement, which entered into force on 1st November 1999, took place in Brussels, Belgium on 2 May 2002.

The meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Mr UCH Kiman, Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC), and Mr Winston McColgan, Acting Head of Unit for South-East Asia of the European Commission, in the presence of representatives of the Presidency of the European Union (EU), of the EU Member States and of the RGC.

- The Joint Committee deliberations took place in a friendly and constructive atmosphere. Discussions covered a wide range of topics related to the political, economic and social development of Cambodia and the EU and other issues of common concern.
- In the political field, the Cambodian Delegation confirmed the commitment of the Royal Cambodian Government to move forward the process of democratization, the reform of the armed forces and the administration, in addition to the current policy of administrative decentralization and preparation for the 2003 national elections.
- The importance of human rights was recalled by both Delegations as an essential element upon which the EC-Kingdom of Cambodia Cooperation Agreement was built. In this framework, the importance of the recently held Commune Councils' elections was stressed and the RGC was encouraged to build on the positive elements of the elections as well as to find a solution to eliminate the problems observed in the pre-election environment, in particular in view of the 2003 national elections.

- Both sides acknowledged the importance of strong and durable cooperation ties in order to facilitate the achievement of the major development objectives of the Royal Cambodian Government. This is with the intention of linking economic growth targets more closely with the achievement of better living standards for the Cambodian population.
- The Delegations noted that the grant aid from the EC since 1992 has totaled more than 300 million euros.
- Both parties recalled the importance that they attach to the steady economic cooperation and in particular to the participation of Cambodia in programs open to ASEAN and more generally to Asian countries that will make available to the Cambodian private sector European know-how in the context of promoting trade and investment.

The meeting concluded that the three priority areas for EC development cooperation with Cambodia for 2002-2004 should be: Rural Development, the Social Sector and the Trade Sector. Specific cooperation activities in governance and democratization, crosscutting themes, including support to the on-going decentralization process in Cambodia could also be foreseen.

The need to reinforce co-ordination with other donors and make the best use of the whole range of EC programs available to Cambodia, including Human Rights, HIV AIDS and NGO co-financing was highlighted by both Delegations.

The importance of participation by women in national development was particularly emphasized by both Delegations.

- Both sides recognised the efforts of the RGC to ensure economic liberalization, while optimizing the use of resources available and with special attention to social needs.

In this context, the Cambodian Delegation presented the progress achieved in tile continued efforts to ensure that sustainable forest management principles are adhered to and the protection of the environment.

- Both sides reviewed the results of the concessions provided for in the context of the EC-Cambodia Trade in Textiles Agreement signed on 4th May 2000 and looked forward to the renewal of the Agreement for a further period.

The two parties highlighted the significant contribution of these trade concessions to social and economic development in Cambodia.

- The EC and Cambodian Delegations agreed on the importance of Cambodia's accession to the WTO. The EC reiterated its support for the early admission of Cambodia to the organization and exposed the new initiatives aiming at supporting Cambodia's accession.
- Both Delegations agreed that the next Joint Committee would be held in 2004, in Cambodia.

Secretary of State UCH Kiman Signs LOU with WFP

On 20 May 2002, at 10:00 am, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, His Excellency Mr. UCH Kiman, Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and Ms. Rebecca HANSEN, Representative/Country Director of the United Nations World Food Program (WFP) in Cambodia, signed the Letter of Understanding on a new program of assistance to Cambodia for a project to reduce chronic undernourished people.



Secretary of State UCH Kiman Signs LOU with Director of WFP

Secretary of State UCH Kiman Signs LOU with WFP

The value of this project is US \$ 3,557,850 for a period of one year from May 2002 to April 2003 and entirely funded by the Government of Japan through the World Food Program.

The broad goal of the project was to contribute to the efforts of poverty alleviation through improving household food security of the target population through the more sustainable agriculture.

Secretary of State UCH Kiman said during the signing ceremony that the program would help the poor farmers by rehabilitating the existing irrigation system and promoting the agriculture production through food for work programme.

Secretary of State UCH Kiman expressed his sincere thanks, on behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia, to the Government of Japan for providing necessary fund to the program, and to the WFP for its cooperation in carrying out the program.

Secretary of State UCH Kiman Meets US Journalists

On 29 May 2002, at 09:00, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, His Excellency Mr. UCH Kiman, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, met with a group of 21 US journalists and writers from Harvard University, who were in Cambodia on an educational trip for the Nieman Fellows on Cambodia. His Excellency Mr. SIENG Lapresse, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation also attended the meeting.



Secretary of State UCK Kiman briefed US Journalists

During the meeting, Secretary of State UCH Kiaman and Under Secretary of State SIENG Lapresse had an exchange of views on a range of issues, including Cambodia-US relations, US investments in Cambodia, Government's plan to provide opportunity to the Cambodian overseas who wish to come back to help restore the country, role of the media and democratization process, military and security issues in Cambodia.
