



**Statement by Mr. NEY SAM OL, Ambassador/Permanent Representative  
of Cambodia to the United Nations Office, the World Trade Organization  
and Other International Organizations at Geneva**

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**Mr. President,**

After carefully listening to the Statements and Joint Statements made by some individual and group of delegations in relation to Cambodia issue, I found that there are some shortcomings raised, with which I wish to respond as follows:

Some political parties and entities, merely for the sake of their political benefit, blatantly manipulate, incite and dramatize the current situation including stirring instability in Cambodia. As a democratic country, the Government has an obligation to enforce the rule of law to maintain stability and security for private and public interests.

Political parties or entities should not hide under Human Rights' umbrella to extort or hijack public order, tranquility and the harmonization of the society for their ill political gain. Unlawful and anarchic act, racial incitement, and hate speech should not be justified no matter whoever committed.

Calling for the Government to intervene in a court process is tantamount to an act of interference in a judiciary, which is blatantly against the fundamental principle of the rule of law and democracy.

As for the election in 2017 and 2018, there has been a considerable number of people turn out to register so far. Security and the management of the electoral process have been established to guarantee free, fair and transparent competition acceptable to all parties.

Equally, my delegation denies any act of politicization, double standard, selectivity and interference in our internal affairs betraying the spirit of the Charter of United Nations.

Of course, we want to have with all partners an open dialogue. But a dialogue based on mutual respect. We need support and advices. We are negotiating to continue the MoU with the UNOHCHR, but we do not welcome interference in our political situation.

I thank you, Mr. President,