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Phnom Penh, May 26, 1998

Mrs. Mary Robinson United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Geneva, Switzerland

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 21st January, 1998 proposing a two- year extension of the Memorandum of Understanding so as to allow the office of Human Rights in Cambodia to fulfill its human rights activities according to its mandate.

In this regard, I am pleased to inform you that your proposal is agreeable to the Royal Government of Cambodia.

This letter shall constitute an agreement on an extension for two more years of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Royal Government of Cambodia and the Office of the HCHR signed on 1st March 1996.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ung Huot Minister

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Excellency,

I very much welcomed the opportunity to meet with you this morning immediately following my arrival in your country.

I appreciated our wide-ranging discussion and was particularly pleased to hear your expressions of support for the important and valuable work being done by my Office here.

You will recall that in order to fulfill the mandate assigned to it by the Commission on Human Rights, the OHCHR and the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia agreed on a Programme for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights for an initial period of two years. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in Phnom Penh on 1 March 1996.

I would now wish to propose a two-year extension of the Memorandum of Understanding so as to ensure the continuation of the human rights activities and projects described therein. As in the past, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will also provide support to the activities of the Special Representative.

His Excellency Mr. Ung Huot First Prime Minister Royal Government of Cambodia Phnom Penh This letter and the written reply of your Government concurring with these terms shall constitute an extension for two years of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on 1 March 1996.

I look forward to meeting with you again on Saturday. In the meantime, please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Mary Robinson

High Commissioner for Human Rights