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**Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Cambodia
to the United Nations Office and other
International Organisations at Geneva**

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The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and, with reference to the Joint Communication No. AL KHM/1/2021 dated 18 March 2021 from the Special Procedures, has the honour to transmit to the latter herewith a response from the Ministry of Post and Telecommunication of the Kingdom of Cambodia as to the QR Code system "Stop Covid".

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Cambodia would appreciate it if the said reply could be forwarded to its high destinations.

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 07 May 2021



Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Geneva

granted only when a request has been made and an outbreak or COVID-19 situation has been identified.

b. Timeframe for the storage of the data

The data will be automatically deleted after 28 to 90 days depending on the significance of the information.

c. Where and how the data will be stored and what data protection mechanism is in place

The data is securely stored and encrypted by the MPTC. Different security levels are applied in accordance with international standards.

d. Applicable legal measures that concern the obtaining, disposing, and retaining of data

The data is collected voluntarily from individuals with the cooperation from establishments. As mentioned above, it will be automatically deleted after 28 to 90 days depending on the significance of the information.

e. What mechanism is in place that will consider grievances and complaints of individuals who may fall victims as result of the data collection process?

In case individuals wish to raise their concerns about any misuse of the data or regarding violations of their right to privacy, they can report to the Committee, the MPTC, or the Telecommunication Regulator of Cambodia.

Observation 5

There have been no instances of discrimination or denial of basic public services, including health care services, linked or dependent on the use of Stop COVID-19. Only those who are at the highest risk level of having contracted COVID-19 are denied entry into an establishment. At this risk level, these individuals are extremely likely to be infected. In such cases, the individual is denied entry in order to protect those inside the establishment and the public. Basic public services will still be provided to the individual, especially health care services. This individual will be immediately contacted, tested, and taken to the hospital – if COVID-19 positive – to be provided with the health care they need.

With regard to public services, the Royal Government of Cambodia has been working tirelessly to secure and import vaccines for the Cambodian people, and vaccinate as many as possible, especially the vulnerable and the essential workers. On 6 April, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) placed Cambodia among the 17 countries in the world to prioritize vaccination for teachers.¹² As of 11 April, Cambodia has vaccinated 1 million civil servants, civilians, and armed forces nationwide.¹³ The Royal Government of Cambodia is striving to serve and protect the public, ensuring the survival of our nation. The Royal Government of Cambodia notes again that it respects human rights. Cambodia's Constitution is one of the few in the world that explicitly mentions the United Nations Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and covenants and conventions related to human

¹² UNESCO, Cambodia is among 17 countries in the world to prioritize vaccination for teachers, 6 April 2021, <https://en.unesco.org/news/cambodia-among-17-countries-world-prioritize-vaccination-teachers>.

¹³ Khmer Times, Cambodia successfully vaccinates one million people nationwide, 12 April 2021, <https://www.khmertimeskh.com/50837407/cambodia-successfully-vaccinates-one-million-people-nationwide/>.



rights.¹⁴ Stop COVID-19 complies with international human rights law and Cambodian laws as it is an absolutely necessary and proportionate measure to protect our people.

¹⁴ Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia, art. 31.

