

CPP statement on apr 15/97

On Apr 15, 1997, leaders and a number of funcinpec members released a statement which shows internal rift within that party.

The cpp would like to declare its position as follow:

1-the cpp regards this division within funcinpec as an internal affair of that party and this factor is a normal problem for political parties in a pluralistic-liberal democracy.

2-The cpp has noticed that a number of extremists in funcinpec have always taken opportunity to use this party as tool to serve the interests of their own and their group, causing unavoidably internal division. The statement on apr 15, 97 by HE Ung Phan is a clear testimony of the event which is now evolving. The cpp supports every point raised in the statement of HE Ung Phan and notice that the real essence of the event which has been evolving more than a year ago is like what it is now.

3-The cpp hopes that this dispute will be solve peacefully, by putting the national and people's interests above everything else in order to contribute to political stability conducive for national development and construction, especially preparation for the upcoming elections.

4-The cpp would like to actively support the Apr 15,97 statement of Samdech Chea Sim, the acting head of state, and appeal t the royal government to take legal measures to strengthen social order.

5-The cpp will take effective measures in order to re-consolidate the alliance with funcinpec in order to carry on the continuity of the royal government and the national assembly, whose works HE Ung Phan and supporters of his statement will play a key and active role in.

Statement released by Funcinpec spokesman's office nearly five hours after Ung Phan's statement.

The office of spokesman of funcinpec would like to solemnly declare that:

1-it considers as nil the delirious statement of Ung Phan.

2-funcinpec party has Samdech Krom Preah Norodom Ranariddh as its sole president and historical leader.

3-funcinpec party will immediately bring the case of Ung Phan for examination.