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H.E. Sam Rainsy
Member of Parliament
12, Street 240
Phnom Penh
Kingdom of Cambodia

Dear Mr. Rainsy:

I want to thank you for forwarding to us the letter from three representatives of the landless families in Cambodia.

In conveying the letter to our Management, we have noted the importance of land issues as part of Cambodia's poverty reduction strategy. Land issues are emphasized in the government's Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper which was completed in October 2000, and figured prominently during the recent donors meeting in Phnom Penh.

While the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank are taking the lead in this area, I can assure you that the Fund staff will continue to follow developments closely. Accordingly, we will continue to work together with the government and development partners to address this issue and focus on broader economic reforms that are consistent with a successful poverty reduction strategy in Cambodia.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. Anthony Elson".

R. Anthony Elson
Senior Advisor
Asia and Pacific Department

cc: Mr. Mario de Zamaroczy, Resident Representative