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## Cambodian democrats need EU support

Following today's visit of Saumura Tioulong of Cambodia's Sam Rainsy Party to the European Commission and European Parliament in Brussels, European Liberal Democrat Group leader Graham Watson MEP issued this statement:

"The European Liberal Democrats expect to see the European Union, which is after all the world's leading donor to Cambodia, playing an active role in supporting the establishment of a genuine pluralistic government in the country. In particular, the EU has to invite Hun Sen to come to an agreement with the non violent and peaceful Cambodian opposition, which is genuinely trying to change the old and dangerous habits of Cambodian policy. Today, this seems to be the only way to stabilise the country following last July's elections."

"The Cambodian people need reforms - both institutional and economic - and a serious fight against corruption and unfettered environmental exploitation. The country also clearly expects former Khmer Rouge leaders to face international justice, a process which has been delayed for far too long."

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