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His Majesty
Preah Bat Samdech Preah
NORODOM SIHANOUK
King of Cambodia
Royal Palace
PHNOM PENH

Your Majesty,

I have read with utmost attention and respect the Royal Message Your Majesty addressed to the Diplomatic Corps accredited to our country and I would like to express my profound gratitude to Your Majesty for Your constant concern for the people of Cambodia and Your clearsighted guidance.

As faithful servant of Your Majesty and the Cambodian people, I am ready to accept Your Majesty's proposal. However, there are two remaining issues that require Your Majesty's high attention:

1) According to a Statement by the Spokesman of the Royal Government, dated 6 November 1998 "members of all legal political parties, especially those who were elected on 26 July 1998 and sworn in on 24 September 1998 in Siemreap as members of the National Assembly, have complete security and safety assurance". This assurance by the Royal Government is, however, limited by the further statement that "this freedom of movement in and out of the country cannot apply to those who have a prima facie case to answer to the court".

Through Your Majesty I would like to seek clarification from the Royal Government about this limitation. I would like to know who this limitation applies to. I respectfully submit to Your Majesty that, were such a limitation to apply to myself or to my entourage, I would not feel safe upon our return to Cambodia. However, if a clarification is made by the Royal Government, then there will no difficulty to the return of myself and my parliamentary colleagues.

2) I respectfully submit for Your Majesty's personal consideration that for "a summit" to be productive it is important that agenda items considered important by all parties are given due consideration. In this context, as Chairman of the meeting, I trust that Your Majesty, will set the Agenda for the talks.

I would like to point out that in his speech, dated 22 October 1998, H.E. Samdech Hun Sen has listed a number of issues to be addressed by the next Royal Government which appear to be quite similar to issues elaborated in our Joint Proposal of 4 November 1998. It, therefore, seems that there is some common ground which I feel, with Your Majesty's clearsighted guidance, might form a good basis for discussion.

Please accept, Your Majesty, with my deepest respects the assurance of my profound loyalty to Your Majesty.

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Norodom Ranariddh
President, FUNCINPEC Party

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(ភាសាអាន ដ៏ក្តៅក្តៃ)

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His Majesty King Norodom Sihanouk
The King of Cambodia

To: Samdach Krom Preah Norodom Ranariddh.
The president of FUNCINPEC party.

Dearest Son

Papa have already received your letter dated No 9.

Papa would like to thank and to inform that some questions that you have raised in your letter are the questions that you ought to write to Samdach Hun Sen to be clear. Papa do not like the technical matter and the conflict between the CPP and FUNCINPEC - Sam Rainsy Party. ~~I tra~~ Papa have been trying to find political solution by holding discussion among leaders of the three parties to reach compromise to serve the interest of our nation and people.

Be assured of high consideration from Papa.

Norodom Sihanouk.

Phnom Penh NOV 10, 98.