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Dear Mr. Channy,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your request of 8 August that the IPU take the steps required to protect the rights of parliamentarians in the Cambodian National Assembly and Senate and to ensure your safety and that of your colleagues. As you know, the IPU Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians is indeed the competent mechanism to examine complaints of alleged violations of the human rights of individual parliamentarians.

I understand from your letter that unfounded accusations have been brought publicly by the Prime Minister and the authorities against you and other members of Committee 14. In order to enable the Committee to understand the full scope of your situation, it would be of use to know whether the National Assembly has received a formal request for the lifting of your parliamentary immunity, and if so, whether a debate for its consideration has been scheduled, and to know whether any formal charges have been brought against you. It would also be helpful if you could indicate whether any other parliamentarians have been accused. If that is the case, kindly provide their names along with information on their specific situations.

I would be grateful if you could provide the requested information along with any further clarifications you may wish to provide, at your earliest convenience.

Looking forward to your reply, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary General

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