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The EU has been deeply involved in the electoral process, especially in voter registration and in poll observation, by dispatching some 200 election observers, which co-operated exceptionally well with the United Nations and other observer groups in the Joint International Observer Group.

We call upon all political forces in Cambodia to seize this opportunity to work together, to the fullest extent possible, towards national reconciliation, and express the hope that with the elections, the foundation for the future well-being and prosperity of the people of Cambodia has been laid. It is the wish of the European Union to continue to engage constructively with Cambodia, particularly in the weeks and months ahead. Return to political normalcy will encourage the EU to consider new assistance programmes to help Cambodia in its economic recovery.