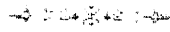




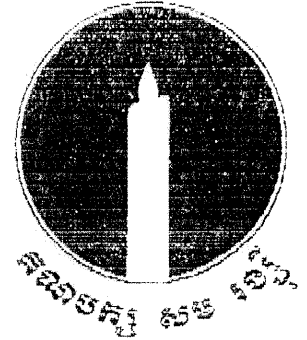
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THE ALLIANCE OF DEMOCRATS



November 6, 2003

THE TRUE OUTCOME OF THE SUMMIT MEETING IN THE ROYAL PALACE

The Alliance of Democrats expresses its heartfelt gratitude to His Majesty King Norodom Sihanouk for His insightfulness in resolving the three-month long political deadlock, at the summit meeting convened in the Royal Palace on Wednesday, November 5, 2003.

The Alliance of Democrats considers that the following points contribute to resolve the present political deadlock:

1. FUNCINPEC and Sam Rainsy Party recognize the right and duty of the CPP to nominate a candidate for Prime Minister;
2. The CPP accepts that the next government be tripartite;
3. The National Assembly of the third legislature should function at the earliest reasonable time and **before** the formation of the next government;
4. The CPP nominee for the prime ministerial post, once accepted by His Majesty the King, will form a team to be presented as a possible government;
5. The CPP candidate for premiership must present himself/herself and his/her entire proposed government to the National Assembly for a vote of confidence, leading to "a **favorable or unfavorable**" outcome.

In His communique issued after the summit meeting, His Majesty the King includes and clearly underlines a condition to the formation of the next National Assembly and government: " The CPP accepts that Samdech Krom Preah Norodom Ranariddh (not any other FUNCINPEC member) be President of the National Assembly **if** Samdech Hun Sen is accepted by FUNCINPEC as Prime Minister of the RCG (3rd legislature)".

To this date, neither Samdech Krom Preah nor FUNCINPEC has accepted the condition.

Besides, no member of the Sam Rainsy Party has accepted any position in the forthcoming government as long as there are no assurances that the system is reformed.

The Alliance of Democrats considers the various steps and conditionality for the formation of the National Assembly and the government for the third legislature as a long process that will require more discussions and tedious negotiations among the three parties involved.

The Alliance of Democrats will join a coalition government only if it can commit itself to principles and programs that serve the supreme interests of the nation, put an end to violence, the culture of impunity, social injustice, fight corruption, and promote sustainable and equitable