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An Open Letter to Cambodia's Political Party Leaders

Members of the NGO community are most concerned by the current political impasse in Cambodia. As NGOs, our mission is to assist the process of development, capacity building and poverty alleviation for the benefit of the Cambodian people. Our mission can only be achieved in cooperation with a stable government committed to the same goals. We therefore call on Cambodia's political leaders to find a solution to the current impasse for the sake of the Cambodian people.

We call on Cambodia's political leaders to avoid any escalation of the conflict which could lead to violence. Government leaders need to continue to exercise restraint and respect the rights of freedom of assembly and expression. Opposition parties need to avoid bad language or racist comments which could incite violence. All parties need to focus on achievable solutions rather than accusations, threats or inflexible demands.

We fully support the efforts of His Majesty King Norodom Sihanouk in bringing the parties together in Siem Reap this weekend. This is an excellent opportunity for the parties to find a workable solution. Differing perceptions over the credibility of the July 26 elections will likely remain. But a solution must nevertheless be found for the sake of the Cambodian people who have already suffered too much from political instability and war.

Yours Sincerely,

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