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Australian Contribution to CMAC

The Australian Government today announced a contribution to the UNDP CMAC Trust Fund of SA\$500,000 (approximately SUS275,000 at current exchange rate). These funds will be made available to the UNDP as soon as possible and will help to ensure CMAC's immediate financial viability.

The Australian Government was also pleased to announce its full allocation for CMAC until June 2001 of SA\$2.5 million and noted the sustained commitment to reform demonstrated by CMAC. We will continue to closely monitor the ongoing reform program in the demining sector in Cambodia.

The provision of the balance of funds from Australia's full allocation will be considered following a successful conclusion to the National Symposium on Mine Action scheduled for October 2000. Australia considers this initiative, as proposed by Prime Minister Hun Sen, a potentially valuable demonstration of the Cambodian Government's commitment to engage with stakeholders on issues of national policy, strategy and priority for the future of mine action in Cambodia.

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