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MR. PRESIDENT

CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS OF PARLIAMENTARIANS AND MYSELF EXTREMELY ALARMED AT INFORMATION THAT DEPUTY SAM RAINSY'S EXPULSION FROM PARLIAMENT IS IMMINENT.

COMMITTEE'S CHAIRPERSON AND MYSELF INSIST THAT SAM RAINSY WAS ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ENTIRE KHMER NATION (CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 77) AND NOT BY A PARTY AND THAT HIS EXPULSION FROM PARLIAMENT WOULD BE THE RESULT OF CONSIDERATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED FOR IN THE RELEVANT NATIONAL NORMS (CONSTITUTION, INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND THE ELECTORAL LAW). IT WOULD ALSO CONSTITUTE SERIOUS DEPARTURE FROM THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS GUARANTEED UNDER ARTICLE 25 OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS TO WHICH CAMBODIA IS A PARTY AND CONSTITUTE SERIOUS SETBACK FOR DEMOCRACY IN CAMBODIA.

WE URGENTLY APPEAL TO YOU TO DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO PROTECT MR. RAINSY'S RIGHTS UNDER THE ABOVE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL NORMS AND THUS PROTECT PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY ITSELF

HIGH CONSIDERATION

PIERRE CORNILLON
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