

**JOINT STATEMENT  
ON THE LEGALITY OF CONTRACTS  
WITH FOREIGN INVESTORS IN CAMBODIA**

Phnom Penh, August 18, 1998

Because the government of Second Prime Minister Hun Sen was installed by a coup d'etat on July 5-6, 1997 and is not the legal government of the Kingdom of Cambodia under the Constitution of Cambodia,

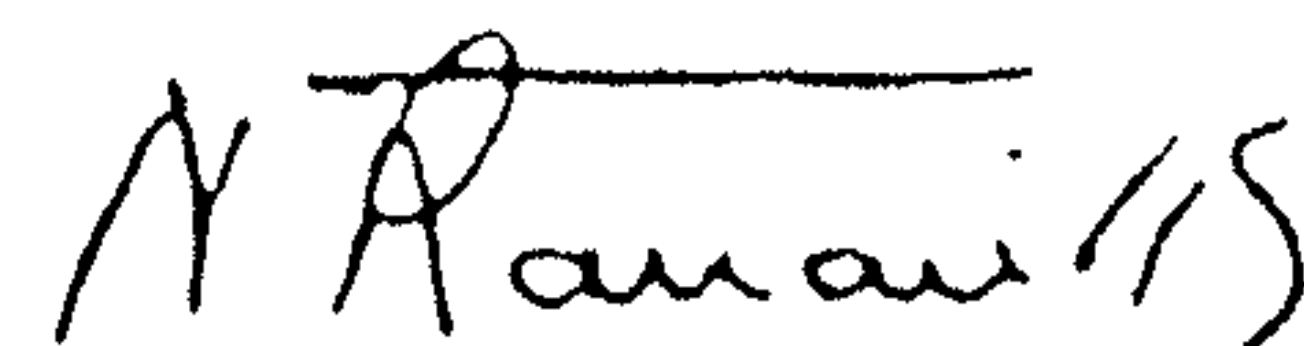
Because procedures for contracting investment projects since July 6, 1997 have not complied with laws and regulations in force in Cambodia, and

In accordance with the statement of Samdech Krom Preah Norodom Ranariddh, the legal and democratically elected First Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, on August 22, 1997,

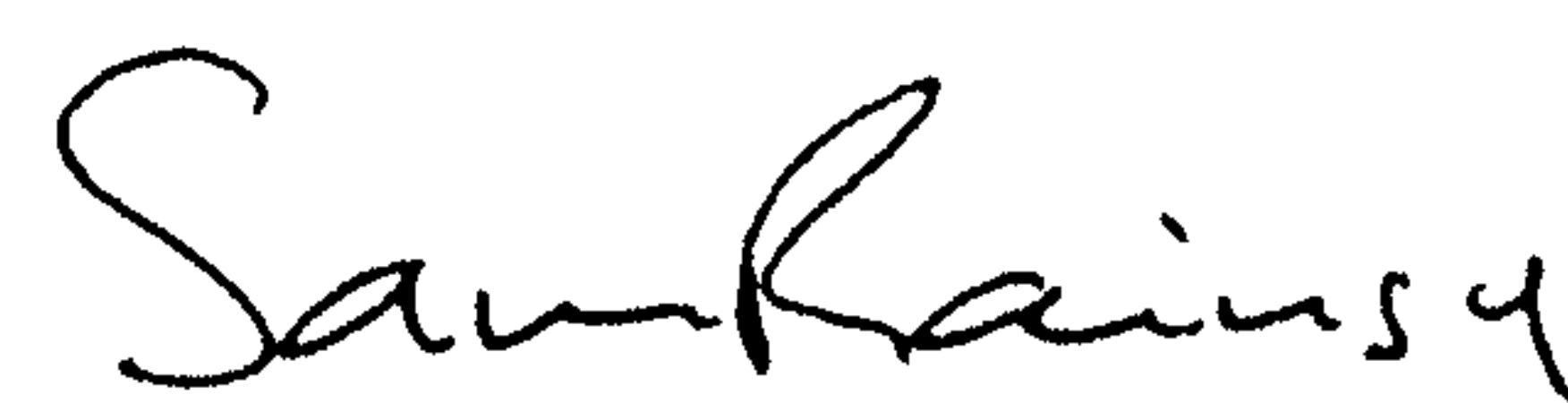
Any contract signed between foreign investors and the current Cambodian authorities after July 6, 1997 and before the formation of a legal government under the Constitution of Cambodia following elections in 1998 is subject to revision and possible annulment.

It is our duty to defend the national interests of Cambodia by ensuring that contracts are signed through legal procedures, on behalf of the people, not for the benefit of a small group led by partisan interests.

We advise all investors or potential investors to ensure that they consider carefully the legal ramifications of entering into contracts with the present illegal Phnom Penh government.



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