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[Translation from Khmer language]

**To Samdech Hun Sen
Prime Minister of the Royal Cambodian Government**

Phnom Penh, 3 October 2003

Samdech,

You and I can understand that in Cambodia there is no established process for meetings between representatives of the Government and Opposition to discuss issues of national importance like in other democratic countries. The objective of my letter is to present for your consideration a number of facts and opinions.

1- THE 27 JULY 2003 ELECTION HAS NOT ACCORDED ANY POLITICAL PARTY A DECISIVE VICTORY

Without addressing the so many election irregularities, the election outcome did not confer on any party a conclusive win, as shown by the following figures.

Votes received by each party

Cambodian People's Party (CPP)	2.4 million
Sam Rainsy Party (SRP)	1.1 million
Funcinpec Party	1.1 million
Other 20 parties (combined)	0.5 million
Eligible voters who did/could not vote	1.5 million

Immediately after the election, the SRP and Funcinpec joined forces to establish an "Alliance of Democrats", just like many parties often do in democratic countries. The parties in the Alliance of Democrats received a combined vote of 2.2 million, which is only 0.2 million less than CPP's. The difference is very slim considering the fact that 1.5 million eligible voters did/could not cast their ballots. Many of these 1.5 million did want to vote like other citizens, but were prevented from doing so by pro-CPP authorities that created many hurdles in the voting process.

In the 1993 and 1998 parliamentary elections, eligible voters who did/could not vote amounted to no more than 0.5 million. Had all the eligible voters in the 2003 election been given the same

- Increase in illiteracy rate among the adult population, 63% of which cannot read and write properly, and therefore are or will be unable to find a decent job
- Dramatic increase in crime largely due to collusion between the country's leadership and mafia groups.
- Derelict state or non-existence of public services, especially in health care.
- Frightening increase in child mortality rate due to malnutrition and insufficient medical care. The death rate is 130 per 1,000 children under five, compared to only 10 to 20 in neighbouring countries.

To prevent the country from further disasters and change the situation around, all patriots and democrats have committed themselves to having a new prime minister within the framework of democracy as well as protecting the interest of our nation.

Sincerely,

[signed]

Sam Rainsy
President, SRP