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**FUNCINPEC PARTY**



**THE ALLIANCE OF DEMOCRATS**

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## **RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FAILURE OF THE NEW NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO MEET WITH LEGITIMACY RESTS WITH MR HUN SEN**

The Alliance of Democrats wants to reiterate its desire to see the new National Assembly formed with legitimacy as soon as possible in order to avoid a political crisis for the country.

During this month, one of the Alliance partners with the support of the other, has successively made four proposals that are goodwill gestures or concessions intended to break the current political deadlock.

1. Funcinpec has proposed a meeting between the leadership of the three major political parties in order to lay the ground for a smooth negotiation process.
2. SRP has proposed that the three parties seek guidance from His Majesty the King by requesting a joint royal audience.
3. SRP has consented to drop hundreds of electoral complaints it lodged with the National Election Committee after the 27 July election, and accepted to take part in the inaugural session of the new National Assembly if the CPP agreed to a ballot recount for only two provinces before the parliamentary meeting scheduled for 27 September.
4. SRP has accepted that the recount be delayed until after 27 September, provided the two contested seats in the two provinces are held in suspense until the recount is done before the second meeting of the National Assembly.

Unfortunately, these calls and reconciliatory gestures are to no avail. Our goodwill and our sense of responsibility have not been responded in kind. Current Prime Minister Hun Sen has successively rejected the above four proposals/concessions, thus maintaining the political stalemate that will have far reaching implications for the nation.

Therefore, the responsibility for the failure of the new National Assembly to convene with legitimacy, and for any subsequent detrimental development rests exclusively with the current Prime Minister.