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I. Cabinet of His Majesty the King

Royal Decree
Royal Decree NS/RKT/0100/008

We, Preah Bat Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, King of the Kingdom of Cambodia,

- Having seen the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia
- Having seen the Royal Decree NS/RKT/1198/72, dated on 30 November 1998, on the Appointment of the Royal Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia
- Having seen Royal Kram No. 02/NS/94, dated on 20 July 1994, promulgating the Law on the Organization and Functioning of the Council of Ministers
- Having seen the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and other conventions Cambodia has acceded to
- Having seen the request of the Prime Minister of the Royal Government of Cambodia dated on 17 January 2000

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Article 1

A committee of the Royal Government shall be established titling “Cambodian Human Rights Committee” to safeguard, develop and uphold human rights aspect in Cambodia in accordance with the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Cambodian Human Rights Committee has its abbreviation “CHRC”.

Article 2

The Cambodian Human Rights Committee is composed of the following members:

1. H.E Om Yin Tieng Chair who has equal position to the minister
2. H.E Ouk Vannarith Vice-chair who has equal position to secretary of state
3. H.E Chan Min Vice-chair who has equal position to secretary of state
4. H.E Khim Phonvihan Member who has equal position to undersecretary of state
5. H.E Tep Somphan Member who has equal position to undersecretary of state

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- Assist the Royal Government to promote the rule of law and train the law people.
- On behalf of the Royal Government, provide legal service counseling and defend the cases for the poor or those who were refused to be represented by the defense counsels.
- Support and collaborate with the civil society organizations for the sake of protection and development of human rights in Cambodia

Article 4

The Cambodian Human Rights Committee meets once for six months at the invitation of the chair in order to review, assess the work and propose the future direction.

The Cambodian Human Rights Committee organizes its biennial convention in order to assess the human rights status and propose further improvement. The convention report must be publicly disseminated.

Article 5

The Cambodian Human Rights Committee has a cabinet and a number of sub-committees that include:

- First Sub-Committee: Responsible for the technical affairs concerning research, gathering of information and documents, making of report on the human rights violation, legal affairs and legal and forensic examination aids and responsible for each area of respective international convention.
- Second Sub-Committee: Responsible for training and education and awareness-raising about human rights and organizing events and referendum where it is open to free questioning.
- Third Sub-Committee: Responsible for public relations, complaints, networking and training of human right watch officers, in particular motivation that dispute is resolved through compromise.
- Cabinet: Responsible for administration, finance and management and other services that serve the committee.

Officers in charge of the cabinet, sub-committees, specialized officers, advisors, consultants have equal position to the director general, deputy director general, director or deputy director of the department.

Article 6

Officers and staff who perform their work in this institution are existing civil officers and staff or delegated by the public function institution. The Cambodian Human Rights Committee can have a number of volunteers as advisors and consultants who work without state pay.

Article 7

The Cambodian Human Rights Committee at provincial/municipal/district/khan level is led by one chief whose position is equal to provincial/municipal/district/khan deputy governor or is led by one provincial/municipal/district/khan deputy governor and has ... [illegible or missing]

... and if necessary the Royal Government can assign another ambassador of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the United Nations who is in charge of Cambodia's human rights.

Article 9

The Royal Government of Cambodia has a duty to provide the means and autonomous budget to the Cambodian Human Rights Committee to enable them to perform their work well.

Article 10

The Cambodian Human Rights Committee has its own stamp. The role and duties and logo of the Cambodian Human Rights Committee shall be specifically determined by the sub-decree.

Article 11

Any provisions contrary to this Royal Decree shall be abrogated.

Article 12

The Prime Minister of the Royal Government is responsible to successfully implement this Royal Decree.

Article 13

This Royal Decree comes into effects as of the date it is signed.

Done on 18 January 2000

Signature

Norodom Sihanouk