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**STATEMENT**

**of the Spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation**

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In recent weeks, Sam Rainsy, a Khmer convict holding a second foreign nationality, has repeatedly called for the international community to question the legitimacy of the Royal Government of Cambodia, and for the Cambodian armed forces and people to revolt against this Government which was democratically and overwhelmingly elected by the voters.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation condemns in the strongest term the conduct of the convict Sam Rainsy for his call for mutiny and his perilous statements. His unfounded claims that the general election in July last year was not legitimate, carry the same political rhetoric as for all previous national elections since 1998 that saw him and the parties he led defeated. While the convict Sam Rainsy proclaimed himself as a hero and martyr of democracy, he should be treated in Europe and in other civilized countries as a demagogue, dangerous populist, ultra nationalist and racist who preaches for national division and regime change by violent means. Cambodian voters vehemently rejected this ill will and chose democratic path through electoral process.

His statements not only show an utmost contempt of the other 19 political parties that participated in the last general election, but also insult the will of 83.2% of voters who voted overwhelmingly for the ruling Cambodian People's Party. Robust economic growth of 7.7% of more than two decades coupled with political stability and equitable share of prosperity explain well the honorable choice of the Cambodian people for continued peace and socio-economic development. These calls are mere incitements and instigation for the convict's self-greediness for power. The Royal Government will by all means oppose and counter any attempts and third-party interventions to destabilize and ruin our homeland and the happiness of our people. We will defend our nation at all cost against such maneuverings.

The Royal Government was duly elected, legitimately formed and officially recognized by many countries including those in the EU and other major democratic countries.



The Kingdom of Cambodia has been enjoying traditional bonds of friendship and good cooperation with countries around the globe. It is in this spirit that we call for non-interference and the respect of our sovereignty so that Cambodia can pursue its own path toward national solidarity, further strengthen pluralism, democracy, and promote human rights and the rule of law for the maintenance of peace, stability, unity and public order.

Phnom Penh, 09 February 2019

