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## DIALOGUE ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN CAMBODIA: CHALLENGES AND WAYS FORWARD

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Raffles Hotel Le Royal, Phnom Penh

### I. Introduction

The Cambodian Institute for Democracy (CID) is a non-profit and independent think tank working to support and strengthen democracy as a fundamental principle necessary for Cambodia's social, economic, and political development. The institute was founded on October 23, 2019 by a group of Cambodian intellectuals and has been registered in accordance with the Law for Associations and Non-Government Organisations since December 2019. CID's mission is to work together with individuals and institutions at all levels to support and strengthen democracy as a fundamental principle necessary for Cambodia's social, economic, and political development.

Cambodia has ratified the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), which recognises that human rights promotion and protection are the foundations of global freedom, justice, and peace. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a tool for addressing the world's present concerns, which include the planetary crisis, rising inequality, gender discrimination and backlash, instability and conflict, and an increase in hate speech, disinformation, and polarisation. The 75th anniversary of the UDHR will be celebrated on December 10, 2023. To commemorate this occasion, CID will host a 'Dialogue on Human Rights in Cambodia: Challenges and Ways Forward', **with the support of the Delegation of the European Union to the Kingdom of Cambodia**. This is an opportunity to revitalise the UDHR, show how it can fit the requirements of our day, and advance its promise of liberty, equality, and justice for everyone.

### II. Objectives

- 1) To have a free and open dialogue between representatives of government agencies, UN agencies, development partners, civil society organizations, human rights defenders, youth organizations and academia, among others on human rights in Cambodia;
- 2) To bring different voices of stakeholders to address the challenges to human rights in Cambodia; and
- 3) To reflect on the roles and commitments of stakeholders to advance human rights in Cambodia and beyond.

### III. Agenda

TIME	ACTIVITY
8:00-8:20	<b>Registration</b>
8:20-8:30	<b>Introduction and National Anthem</b>
8:30-9:00	<b>Opening</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcoming Remarks: <b>Chanroeun Pa</b>, President of Cambodian Institute for Democracy (CID)</li> <li>- Opening Remarks: <b>H.E. Igor Driesmans</b>, Ambassador of the Delegation of the European Union to the Kingdom of Cambodia</li> </ul>
9:00-10:30	<b>Dialogue 1</b> <b>Setting the Scene –Human Rights in Cambodia: Where Are We Now?</b>
	<p><i>Panel discussion</i>  <i>Interactive dialogue with participants</i></p> <p><b>Panellists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>H.E. Sreang Chenda</b>, Member of the Cambodian Human Rights Committee (CHRC)</li> <li>- <b>H.E. Jacques Pellet</b>, Ambassador of France to Cambodia</li> <li>- <b>Rouieda El Hage</b>, Representative of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Cambodia</li> <li>- <b>Chak Sopheap</b>, Executive Director of Cambodian Centre for Human Rights (CCHR)</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: San Chey</b>, Executive Director of Affiliated Network for Social Accountability (ANSA)</p>
10:30-10:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:45-12:00	<b>Dialogue 2</b> <b>Fundamental Freedoms in Cambodia: Challenges, Lessons Learned and Good Practices</b>
	<p><i>Panel discussion</i>  <i>Interactive dialogue with participants</i></p> <p><b>Panellists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mikel Aguirre</b>, Project Officer on Media Development from UNESCO Phnom Penh Office</li> <li>- <b>Chhan Sokunthea</b>, Executive Director of Cambodian Centre for Independent Media (CCIM)</li> <li>- <b>Prak Chanmly</b>, Project Coordinator, Cambodian Centre for Human Rights (CCHR)</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Sin Titseiha</b>, Media Coordinator, COMFREL</p>

12:00-13:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>
13:30-14:45	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dialogue 3</b> <b>Civil, Political and Economic Rights in Cambodia: Challenges, Lessons Learned and Good Practices</b></p> <p><i>Panel discussion</i> <i>Interactive dialogue with participants</i></p> <p><b>Panellists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>H.E. Pen Bona</b>, Spokesperson of Royal Government of Cambodia</li> <li>- <b>Son Penh</b>, Executive Director of Coalition for Partnership in Democratic Development (CPDD)</li> <li>- <b>Em Sovannara</b>, Lecturer in Political Science and International Relations</li> <li>- <b>Ul Vann</b>, President, Cambodian Youth Network Association (CYN)</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Sek Socheat</b>, Independent Researcher</p>
14:45-15:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
15:00-16:15	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dialogue 4</b> <b>Envisaging the Ways Forward for Advancing Human Rights in Cambodia</b></p> <p><i>Panel discussion</i> <i>Interactive dialogue with participants</i></p> <p><b>Panellists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>H.E Preap Kol</b>, Minister Attached to the Prime Minister</li> <li>- <b>Ny Sokha</b>, President, Cambodian Human Rights and Development Association (ADHOC)</li> <li>- <b>Soeung Saroeun</b>, Executive Director, NGO-Forum on Cambodia</li> <li>- <b>Seng Reasey</b>, Executive Director, SILAKA</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Lim Solinn</b>, CEO and Founder of Saddhà</p>
16:15-16:30	<b>Closing remarks: Chanroeun Pa</b> , President of CID

*\*The dialogue will be conducted in Khmer and English. Simultaneous interpreting will be provided.*

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