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STATEMENT

The three lawmakers from Human Rights Party “HRP” did not vote in favor of the “Peaceful Demonstration” draft law, which was proposed by HRP’s lawmakers to amend some of its articles but was totally turned down without any debate or amendment.

We, HRP’s lawmakers, find that this discussed and adopted draft law cannot effectively ensure that people will access the right of demonstration since many articles, stipulated in the law, will help the authorities to have good excuse to prevent people from protesting. For instance, there are no clear definitions of the terms of damaging other people dignity, public order and national security.

HRP’s lawmakers are deeply concerned about this law implementation which will restrict and block the freedom of peaceful demonstration, ensured by Cambodian constitution.

Our lawmakers barring from offering point of view by the internal regulation of National Assembly in its meeting insistently suggest that the National Assembly should revise this law by precisely defining the above terms and respecting our constitutional meaning stipulated that peaceful demonstration is consider as informing, and the obligation and responsibility of competent authorities are to ensure the public order and security of protestors. In addition, the article 14, chapter 2 of this law should not limit the number of demonstrators by two hundred people.

HRP’s lawmakers think that in order to avoid using the laws to reduce people rights, each establishment of the laws should be put much effort in order to help people to use them efficiently, and they can exercise their rights effectively, guaranteed by our constitution.

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