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### Statement

#### Congratulation on the 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Paris Peace Agreement on Cambodia; October 23, 1991 - October 23, 2009

Human Rights Party (HRP) would like to offer our congratulation to mark the 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Paris Peace Agreement on Cambodia, which was signed on October 23, 1991.

HRP sees that besides “Nov 9, 1953”, the independent day for all Cambodian people to remember, “Oct 23, 1991” is a historical event, which is very important to all Cambodian people from all political tendencies.

HRP would like to remind all of you that “Oct 23, 1991” is the day on which Cambodian people from all political parties, the neighboring countries and the powerful counties agreed unanimously on the following principles:

1. the guarantee of the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Cambodia, without any invasion from Vietnamese army;
2. the guarantee of real peace for Cambodia and its citizens by ending totalitarianism for individuals or their political elite, which destroys Cambodian People’s peace, both physically and mentally;
3. the guarantee of basic rights and freedoms of Cambodian people, avoiding discrimination, violation and intimidation; and
4. helping build and develop Cambodia democratically, with respect for the free and multi-party principle, and tacking Cambodian people’s poverty and their misery.

HRP sees that the agreement has created many things as follows:

- the withdrawal of Vietnamese army from Cambodia;
- the establishment of Cambodia’s new constitution in 1993 and constitutional monarchy, and the practice of democratic free and multi-party principle;
- the participation of many different political parties in elections, which is completely different from the previous time when Cambodia was a socialist or communist state, which allowed only one political party;
- the establishment of NGOs, independent newspapers, and fighting for rights and freedoms for Cambodian people;
- donations from the donor countries to develop Cambodia and build infrastructure, as we can see nowadays, which is in contrast to the time when Cambodia was ruled by a single party.

HRP calls on all the signatories of Paris Peace Agreement, especially the Royal Government of Cambodia, to continue to use the principle of the agreement to address problems as follows:

1. the violation of Cambodian sovereignty and territorial integrity through the use of armed forces, illegal immigration and other means by Cambodia's neighboring countries;
2. the weakness of the practice of the principle of free multi-party democracy in Cambodia;
3. the violation of the freedom and the rights of Cambodia people, especially social injustice, which is still in a plight;
4. a wide gap between the rich and the poor because of corruption and development without equity. That is majority of Cambodian people are still living in poverty, their health care service and education not guaranteed.

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