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STATEMENT

**GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT INCREASE AND ADD NEW TAXES
TO PEOPLE DURING ECONOMIC DOWNTURN**

HRP members of parliament who are not allowed to express their view in the National Assembly find that the 2010 national budget law, which is increased to \$ 2 billion, will put more burden on people by increasing taxes with inequity, and this new tax comes out in the situation on which people are facing economic crisis.

We, HRP members of parliament, think that in this circumstance, while the world and Cambodia are being affected by the economic downturn, the government should find good ways to reduce peoples' burden. The government should increase state expenditure, assist people on social affair, offer medical checkup and treatment to poor people and provide education to youth, especially those from poor families. For income collecting, the government should not increase and add new taxes to people, which will be their additional burden. It should find extra money from various sources such as the deduction of corruption, the outnumbered advisors, authorities, deputy ministers, senior ministers, secretaries of state and under secretaries of state, especially the reduction of expense on those advisors while carrying their missions. In addition, the government should increase the tax on casinos and transparently collect the tax on mining resources.

The three HRP members of parliament see that in a democratic country, the government belongs to the citizens of the country and that the national budget is the citizens' money; therefore, not only the ruling party but also the citizens of the country and their representatives must be allowed to take part in the process of budget management. The idea from every angle of the society must be taken into account by the government. Moreover, despite the fact that the government is not capable of easing the problem its people are experiencing during the global economic crisis, the government should not add more burden on the people by increasing tax payment and creating more taxes. Thus, HRP members of parliament do not vote on this 2010 national budget law.

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