



Statement by **H.E Mr. NEY Samol**, Ambassador/Permanent Representative of Cambodia
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- Thank you Mr. President

I wish to clarify to statements made by some delegations in regard to political situation, activities of opposition parties and civil society organizations as follows:

1. There is no political tension in Cambodia nowadays. All political parties freely conduct their activities in accordance with existing laws and legal instruments. Our people are enjoying harmonious live as peace, security, stability and remarkable development prevail all over the country. For example, Cambodia maintains steady economics growth of 7 per cent each year for more than a decade. And this year our growth is expected to reach 7.1 per cent.

In this regard, what happens in Cambodia vindicates the fact that there is no development, economics growth without political stability, security and peace and vice versus.

2. Of course there are some individuals from political parties and civil society organizations being under court prosecution and some other being under pretrial detention. These individual persons have to be accountable for their personal wrongdoings and have to be equal before the law. As a democratic country, upholding rules of law, and respecting and promoting human rights, nobody can stay above the law in Cambodia.

3. Cambodia denies any acts of politicization, double standard, selective, the infringement of the implementation of judicial process, and interference in our internal affairs betraying the spirit of the Chapter of United Nations. In this regard, we know that some individuals, civil societies, NGOs have exploited human rights agenda for their political purposes.

4. As for the application of democratic space, all political parties and 4,637 NGOs in Cambodia freely conducting their activities with no constraints. No any single political party or NGOs are banned from fulfilling their works. These reflect how broad and deep democratic space is conducted in Cambodia.

I thank you Mr. President.