



Statement by **H.E Mr. NEY Samol**, Ambassador/Permanent Representative of Cambodia
In response to the report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Item 2)

- Thank you Mr. President
- Thank you Mr. High Commissioner for presenting a very comprehensive report to which I wish to respond as follows:
 1. As a member of almost all human rights treaties, Cambodia unequivocally adheres to rules of law, human rights and democracy. As such our people enjoy a harmonious lives with peace, security and remarkable economic growth. For example, we maintain our economics growth of 7 % for more than a decade.
 2. Cambodian government appreciates the genuine and honest contributions of civil societies to develop our country. However we deny any acts of politicization, double standard, selective and interference in our internal affairs, and the infringement of the spirit of the Charter of United Nations. We have experienced some civil societies, NGOs in Cambodia that exploit human rights agenda for political purposes. In this regards, those who break the existing laws have to be accountable for their acts.
 3. As for the application of democratic space, there are 4,637 NGOs in Cambodia freely conducting their activities with no constraints. This reflects how broad and deep democratic space is conducted in Cambodia.
 4. As far as the upcoming elections in Cambodia are concern, I wish to inform that since 1993, we have conducted 4 general elections by our self with acceptable results to all parties concerned, and to the international community. As for 2017 and 2018 communal and general election, the electoral process of free, fair, inclusive, and transparent is applied.

I thank you Mr. President.