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Cambodia



Concluding Observation

Mr. President,

My delegation wishes to further response to the statements or comments that have been raised in relation to the current issues on Cambodia as follows:

We found that some delegations evaluate Cambodia issue based on inadequate information received. In other words, they purposely pick and choose a particular page of a book and surmise what the book is all about.

We are of the view that Democracy should not be extorted or hijacked by any individual, or groups for their malign-hidden agenda. Undermining other people rights whilst stating and executing one owns is infringing the paramount principles of human rights.

Breaking law, act of vandalism, twisting public order, tranquility, and the harmonization of society cannot be justified under the shade of human rights.

To maintain stability, and public order, the Government has to enforce the application of law and regulations, with no distinction as to individual, or any political party. But whilst upholding the respect for the rule of law, the Government is accused of attempting to limit democratic spaces, particularly through the enactment of the LANGOs.

Thus, we observe that, human rights have been exploited and used as a political weapon to embarrass the Government in Cambodia.

In fact, the prime objective of the LANGOs is to create a more conducive medium for better cooperation between relevant stakeholders, and for better transparency within these organizations. There is no room for any intention to constrain freedom, or to shrink paces, of civil society in this Law.

Law is an evolving process, not an eternal, unchangeable tool. It needs to be revised, and amended if necessary in accordance with the development of the surrounding environment, and in responding to the reality encountered during its application.

But, so far, we found no any single complaint in regarding to the application of the LANGOS.

In response to the allegation that many recommendations from previous Special Rapporteurs have not been addressed, we are of the view that such a claim is not wise, because each recommendation has different priority and time consuming in its implementation, some need an immediate action but others need more time to go.

In conclusion, my delegation is of the view that, generalizing the whole image of Cambodia by merely using a single angle is no different from a sightless person confusingly construe the shape of an elephant by the sense of touch.

I thank you Mr. President,