



**Statement by Mr. NEY SAM OL, Ambassador/Permanent Representative of
Cambodia to the United Nations Office, the World Trade Organization and
Other International Organizations at Geneva
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**Report of the Secretary-General (Technical Assistance and Capacity
Building)
Roles and Achievements of the Office of the United Nations High
Commissioner for Human Rights in assisting the Government and people
of Cambodia in the promotion and protection of human rights**



Right of Reply to the Slovakia delegation on behalf of EU, and Ireland

Mr. President,

My delegation wishes to execute Right of Reply in response to the statements made by Slovakia on behalf of the EU, Ireland, and others.

My delegation finds that these statements are called yesterday statements. Not only have they echoed not on the right time, but also do not translate the current development on the ground.

In other words, these statements do not catch up well with the positive evolvement of political situation in Cambodia, particularly with the occurrence of tranquility atmosphere since last week, after **Samdech Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister**, unilaterally declared ending of political polemic.

My delegation wishes to inform this august Council that we are now working hard and do our best to ease the existing tension; and we have good reasons to believe that we would get a positive result very soon.

As such, yesterday morning, the Opposition Party has resumed taking part in a meeting of the Permanent Committee of the National Assembly after almost 4 months of hiatus.

Furthermore, the Committee has watered down the Ministry of Justice's request to strip off immunity of the 2 Opposition Party's members of the National Assembly, as the Committee finds no solid legal background to justify the request.

We appreciate all genuine contributions toward the promotion and protection of human rights, and development in Cambodia, but we do not welcome any interference into our internal affairs aiming at aggravating the current situation or destabilizing the Government. We oppose any hidden agenda, which exploits human rights; and serves it as a political tool to vilify the Government reputation.

Mr. President,

To conclude, I wish to reassure that Cambodia is committed to working closely with the OHCHR and other relevant stakeholders to further promote, protect, and respect human rights in this country.

I thank you, Mr. President,