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**Joint Statement about the stand of the Community and the Civil Society Organization on the Meeting of the “Procedures for Notification, Prior Consultation and Agreement (PNPCA) of the Don Sahong Dam in Lao PDR” organizing in Battambang province 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, October 2014**

Civil Society Organization and the community invited from province around the Tonle Sap River Basin would like to express our stand as followed on the **Procedures for Notification, Prior Consultation and Agreement (PNPCA)** which will be organized on 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, October 2014 in Battambang province:

1. We attend this sub-national consultation meeting (for the Mekong and Tonle Sab Great Lake Region) about the proposed Don Sahong hydropower dam project in order to only raise our concern and suggest Lao party to stop the development project of the Don Sahong hydropower dam. We do not support the **implementation of the Procedures for Notification, Prior Consultation and Agreement (PNPCA)** because we do not receive information about the dam construction project, do not receive consultation prior to the project commencing, do not understand technical terminologies in the document related. And recently with the PNPCA we do not have enough time to receive consultation and make decision. Especially, during the process of the **implementation of the Procedures for Notification, Prior Consultation and Agreement (PNPCA)** that require the suspension of the dam project process for 6 months, the company still continue their construction at the dam site (based on international news and the observation of the Cambodian community near to the dam site).

2. Our participation in this consultation workshop is representing only our own organization and the community participating in the workshop. It does not represent all the communities and NGOs around the Tonle Sap River Basin because prior to this participation we did not have chance to discuss and consult with, and get agreement from the communities as well as the civil societies in each of those provinces. The PNPCA workshop organizer gave us the notification and the documents of about the project in a very short so that we did not have enough time and resources to mobilize the consultation at the commune, district or province in order to collect comment before attending the PNPCA workshop.

On behalf of the community and the civil society who are presenting at the consultation meeting, we would like to suggest the Mekong River Commission and member governments to stop all the construction and any project agreement of the Don Sahong until:

- The trans-boundary Impact Assessment is done properly and independently
- Mekong Fisheries Impact Assessment is done properly and independently
- the information of the dam project is publicly disseminated in the national language and is understandable by the affected communities
- There is a full public prior consultation with the related stakeholders and voice of the community and civil society organization is included in all the decision making process of the project
- Rationale and reasonable option to mitigate the impact of the dam project is given based on the specific and workable social and scientific evidences.

Battambang, 29<sup>th</sup>, October 2014

**List of the Civil Societies and the communities endorsed the joint statement**

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