

Joint Statement of Civil Society Organizations

on

the Draft Law on Associations and Non-Governmental Organization (LANGO)

April 07, 2015: We, civil society organizations (CSOs), representatives from umbrella organizations, solidarity house, youth networks, gender and women's networks, human rights and development organizations in Cambodia, discussed the call of the Prime Minister of the Royal Government of Cambodia recently that the draft Law on Associations and Non-Governmental Organizations (LANGO) will be sent to the Council of Ministers in May 2015, and will be allegedly submitted to the National Assembly for promulgation.

Civil Society Organizations have been working in partnership with the government for over thirty years in rehabilitation, reconciliation, peace building, social economic development, and many others. For instance, just only in 2012, 1,130 NGO/CSOs contributed between US\$600-700 million¹ to the programs supporting Cambodian development.

In 2010, CSOs highly appreciated the opportunity to provide comments and input on the draft LANGO law, which the Prime Minister publicly postponed passing in December 2011. We recently learned that the Prime Minister has restated the need to have this legislation passed urgently, and so far without further consultation.

We are concerned about the lack of consultation in the last two years and strongly request the Royal Government of Cambodia to:

- *Restart a transparent consultation legislative process by making the official draft Law on Associations and Non-Governmental Organizations (LANGO) available to the public and remove speculation and confusion on the objectives and implications of this new law.*
- *Conduct broad based, meaningful and transparent dialogue with different stakeholders, resuming the past practice of considering concerns, views and perceptions of civil society and other Cambodian citizens on draft legislation.*

We believe this is an opportunity to promote an inclusive and accountable partnership between government and civil society organizations, and other concerned stakeholders. We request the commitment of government towards a culture of dialogue, the protection of human rights, democracy, and socio-economic and child development in Cambodia. This is in line with the UN Human Rights Committee's Concluding Observations on the second Periodic Report of Cambodia under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which also called for transparency in the legislative process in Cambodia, and called on Cambodia to make public all draft legislation in order to facilitate public consultation, and dialogue by citizens with their representatives.

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¹ Report on **CSO Contributions to the Development of Cambodia 2012** by Cooperation Committee for Cambodia (published May 2013)

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NO	ORGANIZATION NAME	AGRONYM
		3SPN
1	3S Rivers Protection Network	
2	Action for Environment and Communities	AEC
3	ActionAid Cambodia	ActionAid Cambodia
4	Adventist Development and Relief Agency	ADRA
5	Advocacy and Policy Institute	API
6	Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development	ACTED
7	Agir pour le Cambodge	APLC
8	Aide et Action, Cambodia	AEA
9	Akphivath Neary Khmer Organization	ANKO
10	Alliance for Conflict Transformation	ACT
11	American Friends Service Committee	AFSC
12	Asian Hope Cambodia	
13	Asian Outreach Cambodia	AOC
14	Australian Volunteers International (AVI)for Cambodia and Thailand	AVI
15	Aziza's Place	
16	Banteay Srei	Banteay Srei
17	Baptist Missionary Association of the Philippines	BMAP
18	Bareebo (local community development NGO)	
19	Botumsakor Community Development Organization	BCDO
20	Bremen Overseas Research and Development Association	BORDA
21	Buddhism for Development	
22	Build Your Future Today Center	BFT
23	Building Community Voices	BCV
24	Burma Partnership	
25	Cambodia Disabled People's Organization	CDPO
26	Cambodia Education Assistance Fund	CEAF
27	Cambodia Family Support	CFS
28	Cambodian Center for Human Rights	CCHR
29	Cambodian Center for the Protection of Children's Rights	CCPCR
30	Cambodian Civil Society Partnership	CCSP
31	Cambodian HIV/AIDS Education and Care	CHEC
32	Cambodian Human Rights and Development Association	ADHOC
33	Cambodian League for the Promotion & Defense of Human Rights	LICADHO
34	Cambodian Living Arts	CLA
35	Cambodian Researchers for Development	CRD

36	Cambodian Rural Development Team	CRDT
37	Cambodian Woman's Development Agency	CWDA
38	Cambodian Youth Development Center	CYDC
39	Cambodian Youth Network	CYN
40	Cambodia's Independent Civil-Servant Association	CICA
41	Care Cambodia	CARE
42	Caring For Cambodia	
43	Caring for Young Khmer	CYK
44	Caritas Cambodia	CARITAS
45	Child and Youth Education Organization	CYEO
46	ChildFund Cambodia	ChildFund
47	Children and Life Association	CLA
48	Civil Rights Defenders	
49	Coalition of Cambodian Farmer Community	CCFC
50	Community For Tranformation	CFT
51	Community Legal Education Center	CLEC
52	Community Managed Development Partners	CMDP
53	Cooperation Committee for Cambodia	CCC
54	Cooperation For Alleviation of Poverty	COFAP
55	Cord Cambodia	Cord Cambodia
56	CRY.UK	
57	CWS Cambodia	CWS
58	DanChurchAid/Christian Aid	DCA/CA
59	DanMission	DanMission
60	Destiny Rescue Cambodia	DRC
61	Development and Partnership in Action	DPA
62	Diakonia	Diakonia
63	EDUCO Cambodia	EDUCO
64	Elephant Livelihood Initiative Environment	ELIE
65	Enfants & Développement	E&D
66	Environment Support and Social Development	ESSD
67	Epic Arts	
68	Evangelical Fellowship of Cambodia	EFC
69	EWHA Social Service	EWHA
70	Farmer of Cambodia Organization	FOC
71	Finn Church Aid	FCA
72	First Step Cambodia	FSC
73	Forum Syd	Forum Syd
74	Gender and Development for Cambodia	GAD/C
75	Genesis Community of Transformation	GCT
76	Good Neighbors Cambodia	GNC
77	Green Umbrella	

78	Groupe Energies Renouvelables, Environnement et Solidarités	GERES
79	HAGAR	HAGAR
80	Handicap International	HI
81	Hands of Hope Community	HHC
82	Health And Development Alliance	HEAD
83	Highlander Associations	HA
84	Housing Rights Task Force	HRTF
85	Human Rights Watch	
86	Independent Democracy of Informal Economy Association	IDEA
87	Indigenous Community Support Organization	ICSO
88	International Cooperation Cambodia	ICC
89	International Development Enterprise	IDE
90	International Relief and Development	IRD
91	International Volunteers of Yamagata	IVY
92	Investing in Children and their Societies	ICS
93	Istituto per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo	ICS
94	Japan International Volunteer Center	JVC
95	Jesuit Service Cambodia	JSC
96	Kampuchea Women's Welfare Action	KWWA
97	Khmer Akphiwat Khmer Organization	KAKO
98	KHMER CHRISTIANS COMMUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT	K.C.C.F.D
99	Khmer Youth and Social Development	KYSD
100	Komar Pikar Foundation	KPF
101	Korean Missionary Society	KOMISO
102	Legal Aid of Cambodia	LAC
103	Legal Support for Children and Women	LSCW
104	Life With Dignity	LWD
105	Live and Learn Environment Education	LLEE
106	Louvain Coopération au Développement	LOWRAIN
107	MARIST SOLIDARITY CAMBODIA	MSC
108	Maryknoll-Cambodia	Maryknoll
109	Medical Teams International	MTI
110	Mennonite Central Committee	MCC
111	Mission of Generous Cambodian Alliance	Generous
112	M'lup Baitong	MB
113	M'lup Russey Organization	MRO
114	MoPoTsyo Patient Information Center	MoPoTsyo
115	Mother's Heart	
116	Neutral & Impartial Committee for Free & Fair Elections in Cambodia	NICFEC
117	New Humanity	NH
118	NGO Education Partnership	NEP

119	Nomad Cambodia	Nomad RSI
120	Non-Timber Forest Products	NTFP
121	Norwegian People's Aid	NPA
122	Ockenden – Cambodia	Ockenden
123	Open Institute	OI
124	Operations Enfants du Cambodge	OEC
125	Organization to Develop Our Villages	ODOV
126	Oxfam in Cambodia	Oxfam in Cambodia
127	Pact	Pact
128	Partnership for Development in Kampuchea	PADEK
129	Pathways to Development	
130	People In Need	PIN
131	People's Forum on Cambodia, Japan	PEFOC,J
132	PEPY Empowering Youth	PEPY
133	Phnom Penh Center for Independent Living	PPCIL
134	Ponleu Ney Kdey Sangkhom	PNKS
135	Population Services International	PSI
136	Project Khmer H.O.P.E.	
137	Raise and Support the Poor organization	RSP
138	RENACER, WALK With WOMEN Cambodia	
139	Reproductive and Child Health Alliance	RACHA
140	Rural Aid Organization	RAO
141	Rural Community and Environment Development Organization	RCEDO
142	Rural Economic and Agriculture Development Agency	READA
143	Rural Economic Development Association	REDA
144	SAMAKY Organization	
145	Save the Children	SC
146	Serve Cambodia	
147	Shanti Volunteer Association	SVA
148	SILAKA	SILAKA
149	SNV Netherlands Development Organization	SNV
150	SOAS University of London	SOAS
151	Social, Environment, Agricultural Development Organization	SEADO
152	Solidarity House	
153	Southeast Asian Press Alliance	SEAPA
154	STAR Kampuchea	SK
155	Strey Khmer Organization	SKO
156	Support Organization for Rural Farmers	SORF
157	The Cambodian NGO Committee on CEDAW	NGO-CEDAW
158	The Committee for Free and Fair Elections in Cambodia	COMFREL
159	The Handa Foundation	
160	The Lake Clinic-Cambodia	TLC

161	The NGO Forum on Cambodia	NGOF
162	This Life Cambodia	TLC
163	Transparency International Cambodia	TIC
164	Union Aid Abroad-Australian People for Health, Education and Development Abroad	APHEDA
165	Urban Poor Women Development	UPWD
166	Veterans International Cambodia	VIC
167	Voice of Democracy	VOD / CCIM
168	Voluntary Service Overseas	VSO
169	Water For Cambodia	WFC
170	WE EFFECT	WEFFECT
171	Welthungerhilfe	WHH
172	Wholistic Development Organization	WDO
173	Women Organization for Modern Economy and Nursing	WOMEN
174	Women's Media Centre of Cambodia	WMC
175	Working Group for Partnership in Decentralization	WGPD
176	World Education/Cambodia	WE-C
177	World Relief-Cambodia	WR-C
178	World Vision	WV
179	Youth Resource Development Program	YRDP