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STATEMENT

CHRAC Appeals for Resolutions in Mrs. Mu Sochua's Case

The Cambodian Human Rights Action Committee (CHRAC), a coalition of 23 NGO members, wishes to express grave concern about the possible detention measures to be taken by Cambodian authorities against Mrs. Mu Sochua, parliamentarian from Sam Rainsy Party. At present, Mrs. Mu Sochua faces possible detention if she fails to pay fines and compensations following the ruling issued a few months ago by the Phnom Penh Municipal Court in relation to “defamation case” against Prime Minister Hun Sen.

CHRAC observes that this case is a political case between parliamentarian Mrs. Mu Sochua and Prime Minister Hun Sen. As a civil society organization following this process, CHRAC recommends a political resolution that is acceptable to both sides. Such a resolution would help avoid negative impacts on the face and honor of our national justice system as well as our political representatives.

With regard to this political case, CHRAC is of the view that, the Municipal court has two options that do not lead to imprisonment of Mrs. Mu Sochua. First, the court may order a minimum deduction of Mrs. Sochua's salary from the National Assembly where she works in order to collect fines owed to the Prime Minister and the national budget. Second, CHRAC calls for the Premier to drop Mrs. Sochua's fines and compensations due to the fact that his honor is now restored after the court's decision. By so doing, Mrs. Mu Sochua will no longer face detention and the political conflict between the two parties will end very smoothly.

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