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CCHR applauds Prime Minister Hun Sen’s call to end discrimination against LGBT Cambodians

The Cambodian Center for Human Rights (“CCHR”) welcomes the remarks made by Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen on 11 December 2012 urging Cambodians to end discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (“LGBT”) individuals. His remarks indicate that the Royal Government of Cambodia (“RGC”) has heard and acknowledged concerns raised by civil society regarding prevalent discrimination against LGBT Cambodians in all sectors of Cambodian society. CCHR hopes that his public recognition of the issue will contribute towards increasing public acceptance of the LGBT community and decreasing discrimination.

CCHR Project Coordinator Theng Nan comments:

“The Prime Minister’s call to end discrimination against LGBT Cambodians is a welcome step in the right direction. I hope that his comments are followed by concrete steps by the RGC to improve the situation for LGBT Cambodians, who continue to be faced with discrimination in their communities, the workplace, the health services, schools and all other sectors of Cambodian society.”

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Notes to Editor:

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