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STATEMENT BY

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On Agenda Item **134**

Proposed Programme Budget for the Biennium 2016-2017
Request for a Subvention to the Extraordinary Chambers
in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)

at

The Main Part of the Seventieth Session of the Fifth Committee
of United Nations General Assembly

New York, 25 November 2015

Mr. Chairman,

1. I am pleased to deliver my statement at this plenary meeting, today, under agenda item 134 on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 on the request for a subvention to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, which is of great consequence for my Government.
2. Since it is the first time for me to take the floor, I wish to congratulate you on your election as Chair of the Fifth Committee. My delegation looks forward to working with you and other members of the bureau. I am confident that we will conclude this session in an effective manner under your able leadership.
3. On behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and his team for the intensive efforts to acquire the necessary funds to meet the financial requirements of the international component of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia to continue with the proceedings of which the Courts are currently seized.
4. My thanks also go to Ms. Bettina Tucci Bartsiotas, Assistant Secretary-General, Controller and Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, Chairman of the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions for their respective reports on this agenda item.
5. My delegation wishes to align itself with the statement made by the Representative of South Africa on behalf of the Group of 77 and China on the said agenda item. I acknowledge with high appreciation the efforts of the Group of 77 and China for their support on the request for a subvention to both international and national components of the Chambers.
6. Taking this opportunity, I wish to inform the Committee that efforts have been made to continue the proceedings of the Courts, and as a result, a joint statement on the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia was recently issued in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 17 November 2015 to reflect the outcome of the meeting between H.E. Dr. Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister in-Charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers, Chairman of the Royal Government Task Force on Khmer Rouge Trials, and Mr. Stephen Mathias, Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs of the United Nations.

Mr. Chairman,

7. Based on this joint statement, the Royal Government of Cambodia supports the Secretary-General's request to the General Assembly to provide another subvention for the ECCC international component for 2016 as contained in his Report A/70/403 of 30 September 2015. Furthermore, the Government will make renewed commitment to assure the six months' salary of the national staff, plus operational costs totaling \$ 4.15 million. At the same time, the Royal Government of Cambodia looks forward to receiving support from the United Nations in its efforts to raise funds from other donors to ensure full funding of the ECCC.

8. While expressing my sincere thanks to donor countries for their financial contributions to ensure the smooth progress of the Chambers during the previous years, Cambodia sincerely hopes that donor countries would continue to provide financial support to the national component so as to avoid any difficulties resulting from the shortage of funding.

9. It is my Government's conviction to ensure its shared commitment with the United Nations and the international community to advancing the ECCC's pursuit of justice and accountability for the crimes of the Khmer Rouge.

Thank you

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