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STATEMENT BY

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TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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 Seventy-First Session of the Fifth Committee  
Of the United Nations General Assembly

New York, 20 October 2016

Madam Chair,  
Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. At the outset, I wish to thank you Madam, for assuming the chairmanship of the Fifth Committee of the 71<sup>st</sup> session of the UN General Assembly.
2. I wish to sincerely thank the UN Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon for his Report: A/71/338 of 16 August 2016 entitled Request for a subvention to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), in which he seeks General Assembly's approval for an appropriation for a subvention for the international component of the ECCC amounting to US\$ 16.2 million to facilitate the smooth flow of the work in the Courts.
3. I am pleased to mention that Cambodia aligns with the statement made by the Group of 77 and China under agenda item 134. I thank the Assistant Secretary-General and Controller, Ms. Bettina Tucci Bartsiotas, the Chair of the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions in the preparation of their respective Reports, which will have a say in the drafting of the resolution on the requested subvention to the ECCC.
4. Under agenda item 134 entitled Proposed Programme Budget for the Biennium 2016-2017 I wish to speak on behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia and the ECCC, and first of all let me express our gratitude for the generous and continuous support offered by the EU, the Principle Donor Group and all the Members of the Group of Interested States (GIS).
5. We were pleased when the ECCC was placed on a secure financial footing at the beginning of this year when the required funds were received, but the time has come again to request for the next subvention since we have reached the last quarter of the 2016 calendar year.
6. It should be taken into consideration that the Chambers' is obligated in the delivery of its mandates, as scheduled. The work of the Chambers is at its peak - with proceedings advancing at the Pre-Trial, Trial and Appeal stages. The Supreme Court Chamber of the ECCC will pronounce its judgment on

the appeals in Case 002/01 against Nuon Chea and Khieu Samphan on 23 November 2016, in the main courtroom of the ECCC.

7. You may be aware that at present the ECCC is facing a financial deficit of US\$ 620,000 for the payment of salaries of its national component for the months of November and December 2016. We believe, the Principle Donor Group will honour its shared responsibility and help take care of this financial shortfall.
8. It should also be noted that my government was obligated to increasing its financial commitments towards the ECCC, annually. Its contribution for 2016 alone amounts to US\$ 4.15 million, out of which US\$ 1.65 million was used up for operational cost and US\$ 2.5 million used up for payment of salaries of the national staff for 6 months: equivalent to 62% of the approved budget for the national component. Approximately the projected expenditure for this year will be US\$ 6.6 million.
9. As the Royal Government of Cambodia has been asked to make the necessary contribution in order to assure full funding of the national component of the ECCC in 2017, taking into account the pledges that would have been made in support of the 2017 budget requirement (about US\$ 6.37 million) for the ECCC national component, I take this opportunity to appeal to all of you, our Principle Donor Group and the Group of Interested States to kindly consider positively the request from the UN Secretary-General, bearing in mind that any delay on their part of obligation will impede the work of the ECCC. As for the Cambodian position, we have submitted to the Prime Minister of Cambodia the UNSG's request for a subvention to the ECCC with our positive recommendations, as the Royal Government of Cambodia had already endorsed such requests for subventions in the previous years. .
10. In conclusion, I wish to reaffirm that the Royal Government of Cambodia will continue to fully cooperate with the United Nations and all stakeholders to ensure the successful completion of the work of the ECCC. The ultimate expectation of the people and the Royal Government of Cambodia is the quest for justice for the great number of Cambodians whose loved ones were atrociously wiped out.

**I thank you.**