Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia

Resolution of Commission on Human Rights

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The Commission on Human Rights,

Guided by the <u>purposes and</u> principles embodied in the Charter 48/154 of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights,

Taking note of the Agreement on a Comprehensive Political 48/154 Settlement of the Cambodia Conflict signed on 23 October 1991, including part III relating to human rights,

48/154 Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/6 of 19 February 1993 and General Assembly resolution 48/154,

48/154 Bearing in mind the role and responsibilities of the United Nations and the international community in the process of the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Cambodia.

48/154 Recognizing that Cambodia's tragic recent history requires special measures to assure the promotion and protection of the human rights of all people in Cambodia and the non-return to the policies and practices of the past, as stipulated in the Paris Agreements,

48/154 Welcoming the elections of May 1993 and the inauguration of the Royal Government of Cambodia,

48/154 1. Welcomes the establishment of the operational presence amended of the Centre for Human Rights in Cambodia on 1 October 1993 to implement the activities set out in operative paragraph 2 of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/6;

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2. Welcomes also the appointment by the Secretary-General of a Special Representative to undertake the tasks set out in paragraph 6 of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/6;

3. <u>Takes note</u> with satisfaction of the exchange of letters between the Secretary-General and the <u>Royal Government</u> of Cambodia concerning the consent of the Government for the fulfilment of the <u>activities</u> of the Centre for Human Rights <u>and the mandate</u> of the Special Representative in Cambodia;

4. <u>Notes</u> with interest the program of activities of the Centre for Human Rights in Cambodia, as described in document E/CN.4/1994/73;

Combines5. Requests the Secretary-General to assure the promotion and48/154protection of the human rights of all people in Cambodia and092+094to ensure sufficient resources, from within existing overall UnitedNations resources, for the full implementation of the mandate ofthe Centre for Human Rights and that of the Special Representative;

6. Takes note of the transfer of responsibility for the management of the United Nations Trust Fund for a Human Rights Education Program in Cambodia from UNTAC to the Centre for Human Rights, in order to allow the Centre to implement its program of activities in Cambodia in accordance with the Commission on Human Rights mandate, as set out in paragraph 2 of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/6;

7. <u>Invites</u> Governments and interested organisations to contribute to the <u>United Nations Trust Fund for a Human Rights</u> <u>Education Program in Cambodia</u>;

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8. <u>Takes note</u> with interest the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General contained in document E/CN.4/1994/73 and his the recommendations and conclusions contained in document E/CN.4/1994/73/Add.1, in particular the identification of priority areas requiring urgent attention, namely:

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(a) the devotion of proper resources for hospitals, schools, courts and for the defence of cultural treasures, especially Angkor Wat;

(b) the support of the National Assembly Human Rights Commission including financial assistance for a proper secretariat, equipment and training;

the enactment of laws and related activities in specially (C) urgent areas;

the implementation of training programs aimed at the (d) promotion and protection of civil rights;

(e) ensuring true independence of the judiciary;

NEW 9. Requests the Centre for Human Rights to assist, with the consent and co-operation of the Royal Government of Cambodia. {from an independent national institution for the in/the creation of an Govt of Cambodia) promotion and protection of human rights, such as an ombudsman or a human rights commission:

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10. Requests the Centre for Human Rights, in co-operation Based on with the relevant specialised agencies and development programs, to develop and implement programs, with the consent and co-operation of the Royal Government of Cambodia, in the priority areas identified by the Special Representative, paying particular attention to women and vulnerable groups, including children and refugees;

NEW Expresses grave concern at the indiscriminate use of 11. Based on anti-personnel land-mines in Cambodia and the devastating Report consequences and destablising effects such mines have on Cambodian society;

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Requests the Secretary-General to renew the mandate 12. of the Special Representative as set out in paragraph 6 of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/6;

Decides to review the respective programs and 13. 1993/6 mandates set out in Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/6 at its fifty-first session;

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Requests the Special Representative of the Secretary-14. General to report to the Commission on Human Rights at its fiftyfirst session and to provide an interim report to the General Assembly at its forty-minth session;

Decides to continue its consideration of this matter 15. at its fifty-first session under the agenda item entitled "Advisory Services in the Field of Human Rights".

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