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**Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Cambodia
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The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the United Nations Office, the World Trade Organization and other International Organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and with reference to the Joint Communication From Special Procedures' Note AL/KHM/4/2016, dated 12 July 2016 of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions; the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression; the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders; and the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia, has the honor to convey the message from the Royal Government of Cambodia on the case of alleged murder of Mr. Kem Ley as follows:

- A Prosecutor of Phnom Penh Municipal Court has charged **Choup Somlap** (male), aged 38, with premeditated murder and illegal weapons possession in accordance with the articles 200 and 490 of the Criminal Code for committing an act of killing on 10 July 2016 at 09:02 am in the Mart of Caltex gas station, located at the juncture of Preah Monivong and Mao Tse Tung Blvds., Sangkat Tonle Basak, Khan Chamkarmon, Phnom Penh.
- The Prosecutor has also charged **Chok** (male), aged 45, Thai nationality in accordance with the article 20 of the Law on Management of Weapons, Explosives and Ammunition on selling illegal weapons and ammunition to **Choup Samlap** at Watthana District, Sraksco Province, Thailand.
- In the investigation process, **Choup Samlap** confessed that he murdered **Mr. Kem Ley** by shooting two bullets. He (**Choup Samlap**) planned this murder because he was angry with the victim for deceiving his money in the amount of USD 3000 and there was no order from anyone behind. His confession is consistent with the recorded-video camera that the Court received, the answer of witnesses who worked in the Mart, and the policemen who provided the answer in the investigation as well as the bullet cartridges left at the crime scene.

- At the same time, on 29 July 2016, the Investigating judge also summoned two witnesses who were working in the Caltex Mart and two traffic policemen, who were on duty nearby where the charged person escaped, to provide the information. For the charged person's identity and the gun's background, the investigation will be further conducted.

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the United Nations Office, the World Trade Organization and other International Organizations at Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 25 August 2016

