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**Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Cambodia
to the United Nations Office, the World Trade Organization
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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 in Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and with reference to the latter's letter dated 21 December 2015 regarding the joint urgent appeal from Special Procedures, has the honor to enclose herewith the responding letter of H.E. Mr. Ouch Borith, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and international Cooperation of Cambodia, addressed to Prof. Rhona Smith, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia and other Special Rapporteurs.

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

Geneva, 14 January 2016



Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Geneva



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*Ministry of Foreign Affairs
and International Cooperation*

Phnom Penh, 07/ January 2016

Ms. Rhona Smith

*Special Rapporteur on the Situation
of Human Rights in Cambodia*

Geneva

Dear Ms. Rhona Smith,

*I write to acknowledge receipt of the letter jointly signed by you and your colleagues on 21 December 2015, addressed to **Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Mr. HOR Namhong, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation**, and wish to inform you that the separation and independence of executive and judicial powers are explicitly stipulated in articles 51 (new), 128 (new) and 130 (new) of the Constitution of Cambodia.*

Since the cases are currently within the courts' jurisdiction, any request should be directed to the judiciary.

I take this opportunity to wish you and your colleagues a very happy and successful New Year 2016.

Please accept, Ms. Rhona Smith, the assurances of my consideration.

Ouch Borith
Secretary of State