

Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations at Geneva

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The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and, with reference to the Office's communication No. AL KHM 3/2020 dated 29 May 2020, has the honour to transmit to the latter details from the Minstry of Interior as to the alleged case of Mr. AM Sam Ath as follows:

- 1- National police under the leadership of the Royal Government of Cambodia always works in cooperation and close relationship with civil society organizations (CSO) with a goal of protecting and respecting human rights. Any CSO officers, who perform their duties in accordance with the law, including Mr. AM Sam Ath, Deputy Director of the Human Rights Monitoring Office of the Cambodian League for the Promotion and Defence of Human Rights (LICADHO), are accorded with protection against any alleged intimidation. However, the authorities request that the CSO officers file precise information on the alleged intimidation to the authorities for an appropriate action.
- 2- As for the measures in response to the Covid-19, the Ministry of Interior requests all stakeholders, including media, to observe the steps taken by the government, especially the health measures. Furthermore, they should not engage in dissemination and

exaggeration of any unverified information, which instills fears into the people and results in social unrest and instability.

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

Geneva, 14 July 2020



Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

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