The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and, with reference to the joint communication No. UA KHM 9/2021 dated 17 August 2021 from the Special Procedures, has the honour to transmit to the latter herewith clarification from the Ministry of Interior of the Kingdom of Cambodia as to the alleged case of [redacted].

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Cambodia would be greatly appreciated if the said details could be conveyed to its high destinations.

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 High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 23 November 2021

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Geneva
On 4 October 2020, [name redacted] broke into the former CNRP headquarter located in Sangkat Chak Angre Leu, Khan Meanchey, Phnom Penh, where the Phnom Penh Municipal Court issued a temporary confiscation order. He took video recordings inside the building, photoshopped many pictures and videos that insulted public officials and the head of the Royal Government. Those pictures and videos were publicly shared via Facebook. The arrest and detention of [name redacted] were carried out in accordance with the Code of Criminal Procedure based on flagrant offense (in flagrant delecto), including arrest, question, and 23 hours of detention. The questioning process was conducted without coercion or torture. Consequently, the police advised [name redacted] to stop the above activities and allowed him to return home.

On 23 June 2021, [name redacted] posted on his Facebook Account “កូនែខូរសតិ (Khmer Son-the Nationalist)” edited pictures insulting the head of the Royal Government and spreading fake news. On 24 June 2021, the police brought [name redacted] for questioning in accordance with the order of the Prosecutor of the Phnom Penh Municipal Court. [name redacted] admitted that he had indeed committed the above-mentioned activities. Based on the confession statement on 25 June 2021, the Phnom Penh Municipal Court charged [name redacted] with “incitement to disturb national security and an insult”. The Phnom Penh Municipal Court ordered pre-trial detention of [name redacted] according to detention order No. 445 in order to await legal procedures.

All proceedings against [name redacted] are in accordance with the Code of Criminal Procedure, under the direct supervision of the Prosecutor of the Phnom Penh Municipal Court. The competent authority has never received any official medical certificate proving [name redacted] cognitive impairment or autism condition.

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