



Local EU statement on the political situation in Cambodia

The European Union Delegation issues the following statement in agreement with the EU Heads of Mission in Cambodia.

EU Heads of Missions in Phnom Penh believe that it is in the interests of Cambodia, and in the interests of long-term stability in the country, for there to be elections that command the confidence of the voters, and that allow the people of Cambodia to choose whom they wish to represent them at commune and national level. That is why the EU has been supporting the NEC in preparation of a new voter register.

In that context, we look to the authorities to ensure an environment in which opposition parties and civil society can function freely. The election climate is adversely affected by the passage in the National Assembly on 20 February of legislation that would potentially allow for arbitrary restrictions of political party activities or for their dissolution. Such actions against opposition parties would call into question the legitimacy of the coming elections.

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