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Press Release

COMFREL's Monitoring and Evaluation Report of the Royal Government's Fulfillment

On their Precise Indicator Political Platforms 2009 to 2010

May 19, 2011—COMFREL has released its Monitoring and Evaluation Report of the Royal Government's Fulfillment on their Precise Indicator Political Platforms 2009 to 2010.

Mr. Koul Panha, executive director of COMFREL, said: "This report will encourage voters to monitor and evaluate the performance of elected officials on their promises. The report also provides feedback from voters for the Royal Government and elected officials to consider."

COMFREL has monitored the progress over the 10 promises made with precise indicators (targets) by the Royal Government of Cambodia.

The report reveals that the Royal Government completely fulfilled 30% (3) of its promises by 2010. These include: An annual increase in the salaries of civil servants and members of the armed forces of 20%, an increase in land cleared of mines and UXOs to 45000ha by 2010 and to provide access to clean water for 40% of the rural population by 2010.

70% of the promises that were not completely achieved include: sustaining economic growth at an annual rate of 7%, increase tourism by 20% annually and to establish a social security system for civil servants, armed forces, workers and employees etc.

Voter's Views

For the promises or political platforms made without precise indicators, in 2009 COMFREL consulted with voters in 24 constituencies (capital/provinces) to identify their own indicators (benchmarks). Each constituency identified 10 benchmarks based on the Rectangular Strategy Phase II of the Royal Government.

In 2010, COMFREL organized 8 forums in 8 constituencies and invited the voters who had identified the benchmarks in 2009 to evaluate the performance of their elected officials and the RCG towards implementing them.

The combined results of the 8 constituencies show that on average only 2.5% (or 2 of the 80 benchmarks) were evaluated by voters as 'Fully accomplished'. Of the remaining: 1.25% (1 benchmark) was evaluated as 'Largely accomplished'; 18.75% (15 benchmarks) were 'averagely fulfilled'. 42.5% (34 benchmarks) were 'Moderately accomplished', 35% (28 benchmarks) were considered as 'Not-at-all' or 'Slightly' accomplished.

The Royal Government has achieved some of their promises at the precise indicator levels and the 4^{th} legislature still has another 3 years to go. However, the voters consulted are not yet satisfied with the level of commitment shown by the Royal Government on promises in areas such as land reform, health care, electricity fees and judicial and public administration reform.

This report is available in Khmer at <u>www.comfrel.org</u>.

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