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**Statement
Election Day Assessment
of Commune Council Election for the 4th Mandate**

The member Associations and Civil Society Organizations of Situation Room, for the June 4, 2017 Commune Council Election for the 4th mandate of commune councils, found that at most polling stations the environment was peaceful and the process was conducted smoothly. However, our monitors also found irregularities in the polling process significant enough to raise concern such as insufficient electoral materials at some stations, the presence of unauthorized officials and personnel in the area of polling stations, obstructing electoral observers from entering polling stations, and threats and intimidation against observers. For example, several electoral observers based in PraeK Dach commune and Praek TomLorp commune, Lerk Dek district, Kandal province were coerced into resigning from election monitoring and fleeing their posts because of threats from local authorities.

The Associations and Civil Society Organizations of Situation Room for the 2017 election also observed that in most stations, citizens want to see the vote counting process while current regulations and procedures requires people to stay outside counting station.

Most importantly, the Associations and Civil Society Organizations of Situation Room for the 2017 Election would like to congratulate all the more than 80% of registered voters who participated and exercised their right to vote on election day.

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