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Statement
Assessment on Preliminary Election Results
Of the Commune Council Election of the 4th Mandate

The member associations and civil society organizations of the Situation Room for the 2017 election concludes that the NEC preliminary results for the commune council election for the 4th mandate as number written provided on the electoral result note (1102) posted on NEC's website is 93.1% correct as the same as number written provided on the electoral result note (1102) collected by the situation room, despite some mistakes which were verified and corrected by the NEC. Some incorrects and irregularities have been found to not affect preliminary election results.

The member associations and civil society organizations of the Situation Room for the 2017 election strongly urge the NEC to resolve electoral complaints effectively, transparently, and in a manner that is accountable to the public by disclosing its reasoning in each case. In some cases it is important that a recount is conducted as there is a very small margin of votes between competing parties, and many ballot papers were considered invalid. Successful and transparent complaint resolution is needed to satisfy citizens and contesting political parties in order to ensure acceptance of the results.

We recognize and applaud the progress of the political parties as it is the first time that major contesting political parties have collected their own vote results and declared their elections results independently. Though there are a few complaint on electoral result, the major contesting political parties has not officially announced electoral result rejection.

Member of associations and civil society organizations of the Situation Room for the 2017 election highly commend the hard work and professionalism of our observer's. They demonstrated a commitment to democratic principles, the best practices of monitoring, and fulfillment of their civic and professional duties at every period of election observation including electoral campaign observation, election day observation, and recording and verifying the electoral results.

The member of associations and civil society organizations of the Situation Room for the 2017 election would like to express a deep thanks to our donors and the generous supporters that donated to money to help ensure independent election observation activities.

We would like to appreciate the responsiveness and collaboration of the NEC which made efforts to cooperate with CSOs and other stakeholders, while maintaining dialogue and channels of communication for the sake of integrity and accuracy of election. We also appreciate security and armed forces's maintaining the safety and security in election period.

We are also very thankful to the members of the international community including embassies, the United Nations and international organizations which helped to support or deploy international observers and provided warm cooperation and assistance to voters and domestic observers.

Finally, the member of associations and civil society organizations of the Situation Room for the 2017 election would like to congratulate all voters on actively and patiently exercising their right to vote and participation rights in this election, and on the progression of democracy in Cambodia.

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