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Press Release On

The Dissemination of Materials on People's Participation in Democratic Governance

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COMFREL have produced and printed a collection of educational materials including books and a video to promote people's participation in democratic governance. These materials will be distributed to interested parties, especial ordinary people, for free.

"People's knowledge of and participation in the democratic process will bring them benefits. Therefore, COMFREL has produced and printed educational material including books and a video. This is part of COMFREL's program to provide information, knowledge of voter participation and contact with elected officials." Said Mr. KOUL Panha, COMFREL's executive director.

The materials include: 2000 copies of the book, 'Directory of Members of Parliament for the 4th Legislature.' 15,000 copies of the book, 'Questions and Answers on People's Participation and Democratic Governance.' 15,000 copies of picture book 'People's Participation in Commune Councils and Women and Children's Issues.' The production and printing of these materials was funded by UNDEF through UNDP, NPA, Trocaire, Forum Syd, Oxfam Novib and EC Funds.

The 'Directory of Members of Parliament for the 4th Legislature' provides basic information about the National Assembly; its law-making process and information about members of parliament including contact details, educational background and experience. It is hoped that the directory will become a bridge between ordinary people and members of parliament.

Efforts have been made to ensure the accuracy of information shown in the directory. Most of the information on members of parliament was provided by the parliamentarian's themselves. However, there were some communication difficulties with some members of parliament through the National Assembly Administration Office.

The 'Questions and Answers on People's Participation and Democratic Governance' provides knowledge to voters on participation and democratic governance and provides basic information on the themes of democratic governance and human rights, decentralization, de-concentration and local governance, administration of the capital, provinces, cities and districts, gender and quota representation, youth and politics, and civil society and people's participation.

The picture book 'People's Participation in Commune Councils and Women and Children's Issues' describes in photographs the people's right to participate in commune councils and the specific issues facing women and children using excerpts from the video on the same theme.

These materials will be distributed to non-governmental organizations, associations, local councilors, village authorities, and especially to ordinary people through public forums, training and other events (e.g. NGO's Fairs) and door-to-door education.

To obtain copies of the publications please contact COMFREL's head office at #138, St. 122, Teuk La-ark I, Toul Kor, Phnom Penh Or telephone or email us. Phone: 023 884 150; e-mail: comfrel@online.com.kh; the materials are also posted on COMFREL's website: www.comfrel.org.

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