

Closing Remarks

The Representative of the Royal Government of Cambodia

H.E. Mr. MAK Sambath, Secretary of State

During the adoption of the Working Group Report on UPR for CAMBODIA

Geneva, January 31, 2014

I would like to pay my respect for his Excellency the President of the Human Rights Council of the United Nations, Members of the Secretariat of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Members of the relevant entities of the United Nations, the Troika countries and the representatives of the members' states of the United Nations who have participated in this important event.

Your presence in this process indicated the importance in helping Cambodia to promote and protect human rights in Cambodia.

On behalf of the Cambodian Delegation and myself I would like to express my sincere thanks and commended your missions who have kindly given your good recommendations during the first round of UPR Process in 2009 as well as your good recommendations in this process which gave me the opportunity to get ready to cooperate further with the UPR mechanism in the future.

The recommendations you had made for Cambodia on 28 January 2014 are truly important for us. After receiving the recommendations from 76 countries, we have met among our team members to examine those recommendations; we also met with the members of the UN Secretariat and the Troika to look into all the recommendations. We accepted a number of recommendations and only a small number of recommendations that we wish to delay for further discussions with relevant ministries/institutions of the government. I would like to assure you that we will send the feedbacks on those delayed recommendations to the Human Rights Council as soon as possible.

All these valuable recommendations we will insert them into the National Plan of Actions for Human Rights to be distributed among the relevant ministries/institutions for implementation.

I wish to assure you that we will do our best to implement your recommendations in the 3rd UPR Process in 2018.

Finally, on behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia I would like to express our respect and deeply thank for the President of the Human Rights Council, the UN Secretariat, the Troikas, Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen who represent your countries in the United Nations and wish you all the best of happiness during this New Year.