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**CAMBODIA WATCHDOG COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL**

Kristiansand, 27 February 2018

**Dear Mrs. Julie Bishop,  
Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs**

We, the Cambodian Watchdog Council International (CWCI) have expressed deep concern over the harsh and violent speech made by Mr. Hun Sen on 21 February 2018. It threatened the Cambodian-Australians living in Australia if they protest against him and burn his photo during his presence to attend the Australia-ASEAN Summit in March 2018. He said he would intentionally commit to his actions when he publicly made this threat: “I would like to send a message, do not burn my photo. If you burn my photo, I will follow you home... I will follow you and beat you at home... I warn you, if you have the right to burn my photo, I also have the right to beat you”.

Mr. Hun Sen’s threat is undermining the value, integrity and the dignity of ASEAN’s leaderships and Australian’s commitment to human rights protection. This also weakens Australian-ASEAN relations. Most importantly, the threat is a disgrace to ASEAN’s people and it is against the freedom of peaceful assembly and expression which are protected by the Constitutions of Cambodia, the Constitutions of the ASEAN and Australia, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations.

Therewith and with his violent background, we would like to implore the Australian government for consideration to cancel Mr. Hun Sen’s invitation to the Summit in order to avoid any unpredictable violence against the Australian people (Cambodians-Australians) and in order to maintain the integrity, value and good image of the ASEAN’s and Australian leaderships and relations, especially, in order to show the peoples of ASEAN and Australia that the leaderships are committing to the promotion of peace, non-violence, democracy and human rights respects which play a very important role for their future hope.

On the other hand, if the invitation is not cancelled and he is determined to come for the Summit, we would like to ask the Australian government to hold Mr. Hun Sen accountable for his intentionally violent threat by arresting him upon his arrival to face justice accordingly. Australian government should not allow any person to threaten to use violence against its people at home.

We enclose herewith the evidences of his intentional violent speech (Video clip) and an article published by the Phnom Penh Post and Xinhua.

Sincerely Yours,

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Representative of CWCI Sweden



- **Links:** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iMVVeROHgTk>  
- <http://www.phnompenhpost.com/national/hun-sen-threatens-boycott-asean-summit-proceedings-if-faced-pressure>  
- [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/21/c\\_136988750.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/21/c_136988750.htm)