REGIONAL SEMINAR ON THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS IN PROMOTING PEACEFUL AND SUSTAINABLE SOCIETIES IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA

organized jointly by the Parliament of Cambodia and the Inter-Parliamentary Union
Phnom Penh, 9-11 March 2009
Hotel Intercontinental

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

SUNDAY, 8 MARCH

Arrival of delegates at Phnom Penh International Airport, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Proceed to Intercontinental Hotel
Check in / Registration of Delegates at Hotel Lobby

7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. Welcome dinner hosted by H.E. Mr. TEP NGORN, Second Vice-President of the Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia

Venue: Imperial Room I
Attire: Smart Casual

MONDAY, 9 MARCH

7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m. Registration of participants and distribution of documents
8 a.m. – 8.20 a.m.
- Courtesy call on Samdech Akka Moha Thomma Pothisal CHEA SIM, President of the Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia by all heads of delegations

8.30 a.m. – 9.30 a.m. Inaugural Session
- Khmer Traditional Dancing Performance
- Video clip on the 10-year achievements of the Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia
- Address by Mr. Ngo Anh Dzung (Viet Nam), member of the Executive Committee of the IPU and member of the National Assembly of Vietnam
- Opening address by Samdech Akka Moha Thomma Pothisal CHEA SIM, President of the Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia

Photo Session
Venue: Ballroom
Attire: Lounge Suit / National Dress

9.30 a.m. – 9.45 a.m. Coffee Break

9.45 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.
- Session I: Reconciliation and Peace-Building in the South-East Asian Context
- Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (TBC)

2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- Session II: The Dynamics of Successful Peace Negotiations and Reconciliation Processes
- Mr. Ed Garcia, Senior Policy Advisor, International Alert
- Mr. Pat Walsh, Senior Adviser to the post Commission for Reception, Truth and Reconciliation secretariat, Timor-Leste

4 p.m. – 4.15 p.m. Coffee Break

4.15 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.
- Session III: The Role of Parliament during and after conflict
- Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr., Philippines

7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. Banquet reception hosted by Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei HENG SAMRIN, President of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia

Venue: TBC
Attire: Lounge Suit / National Dress
**Tuesday, 10 March**

8. a.m. 9.30 a.m.  ▶ **Session IV: Promoting institutional reform**
- Dr. Segundo Romero, Former Vice President, Development Academy, Philippines
- Dr. Heiner Hänggi, Assistant Director and Head of Research, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces

9.30 a.m. 9.45 a.m.  Coffee Break

9.45 a.m. 11.30 a.m.  ▶ **Session V: Devolution of powers to address local concerns**
- Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr., Philippines
- Dr. Michelle Miller, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore

2.30 p.m. 4 p.m.  ▶ **Session VI: Women and gender in (post-)conflict situations**
- Ms. Roohi Metcalfe, Gender and Governance Specialist at UNDP's Regional Centre in Bangkok
- Ms. Michelle Staggs, Deputy Director, Asian International Justice Initiative

4. p.m. 4.15 p.m.  Coffee Break

4.15 p.m. 5.30 p.m.  ▶ **Session VII: The balance between diversity and national identity and the promotion of peaceful co-existence and cooperation among ethnic and religious communities**
- Mr. Malik Imtiaz Sarwar, human rights lawyer, Malaysia

7 p.m. 8.30 p.m.  Banquet reception hosted by Samdech Sisowat Chivan Monirak, First Vice-President of the Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia

**Venue**: Cambodiana Hotel

**Attire**: Lounge Suit / National Dress

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**Wednesday, 11 March**

8. a.m. 9.30 a.m.  ▶ **Session VIII: Criminal retribution as a way to address the legacy of the past**
- Dame Silvia Cartwright, Judge, Trial Chamber, Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia

9.30 a.m. 9.45 a.m.  Coffee Break

9.45 a.m. 11.30 a.m.  ▶ **Session IX: The work of truth and justice commissions**
- Mr. Pat Walsh, Senior Adviser to the post-COMMISSION for Reception, Truth and Reconciliation secretariat, Timor-Leste

2.30 p.m. 4 p.m.  ▶ **Session X: International initiatives to promote conflict resolution and reconciliation: what role for the international community?**
- Mr. Ed Garcia, Senior Policy Advisor, International Alert

4 p.m. 4.15 p.m.  Coffee Break

4.15 p.m. 5.30 p.m.  ▶ **Concluding Session**
- Concluding address by Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei HENG SAMRIN, President of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia

**Free time and private dinner**

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**Thursday, 12 March**

Departure of Delegates