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**Samdech Hun Sen
Prime Minister
Royal Government of Cambodia
Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Via: His Excellency, General Director of Prime Minister Office**

**Subject: Common Statement of Communities Protecting the Sesan, Srepok,
Sekong rivers in northeastern Cambodia.**

Dear Highest Samdech Hun Sen,

On behalf of The NGO Forum on Cambodia and the 3S Rivers Protection Network, we have the highest honor and great pleasure to inform Samdech Hun Sen that the 3S Rivers Celebration was organized on 10-11 June 2008 by a team of community representatives from the Sesan and Srepok Rivers. The objective of this event was to celebrate the importance of the Sesan, Srepok and Sekong (3S) rivers and to provide opportunity for communities living along the rivers to share their experiences and express their concerns for their livelihood and culture in regards to hydropower development occurring along these rivers. The event also helped increase good cooperation between communities, NGOs, local authorities and government agencies, and developed a joint statement regarding the Lower Sesan 2 Hydropower Dam that made suggestions to the Government of Cambodia to pay attention to the environmental and social impacts which will be caused by the Lower Sesan 2 Dam.

At the 3S Rivers Celebration, communities who have experienced the impacts of dam construction from Vietnam shared their experiences and concerns for their livelihoods of those depending on the resources of the 3S rivers, which will be affected by the development of the Lower Sesan 2 Hydropower Dam. As a result, communities living along 3S Rivers prepared a joint statement to raise their concerns and suggestions to the Government of Cambodia to pay attention to the impacts on the communities living along these rivers and to consider the suggestions of communities.

On behalf of the 3S communities, we sincerely hope that the Government of Cambodia and its donors and key stakeholders will take into consideration the concerns and requests made in this attached statement.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Chhith Sam Ath
Executive Director
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A blue ink signature of Kim Sangha, consisting of stylized cursive letters.

Kim Sangha
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