



SENATE

Letter to

H.E. Yingluck Shinawatra, Prime Minister, Kingdom of Thailand

May 5, 2014

Your Excellency,

Recognising that the lives and livelihoods of 60 million Cambodians, Laotians, Thais and Vietnamese are threatened by the Xayaburi and Don Sahong Hydropower Projects; the first dams to be constructed on the mainstream of the lower Mekong River, we, the elected representatives of the People of Cambodia, earnestly request your Excellency urgent consideration of the following actions:

– the immediate suspension of the above mentioned projects in line with the Government of Viet Nam's official response to the Mekong River Commission's (MRC) prior consultation process on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2011 in which Viet Nam strongly requested "that the decision on the Xayaburi Hydropower Project as well as all other planned hydropower projects on the Mekong mainstream be deferred for at least 10 years..."

– the cancellation of the Power Purchase Agreement relating to the Xayaburi Hydropower Project by the Royal Thai Government in recognition of the objections raised by both Cambodian and Vietnamese Governments, and the Project's failure to complete the MRC's prior notification and agreement process mandated by the 1995 Mekong Agreement, signed by all four Countries.

We, the Cambodian and Senators, believe these actions are necessary and justified when you acknowledge the following facts:

1. The Xayaburi Hydropower Project is considered the most environmentally damaging dam to be constructed anywhere in the world.
2. The Project constitutes the greatest trans-boundary threat to-date to food security, sustainable development and regional cooperation in the lower Mekong River basin.
3. The Xayaburi Hydropower Project's Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) does not meet internationally accepted standards.
4. There are no internationally accepted, technologically proven solutions for mitigating the proposed Xayaburi dam's impacts on fish migrations and sediment flows, thus jeopardising the world's most valuable inland fisheries and the integrity of the river's delta region.

Your Excellency, it is not too late to act. According to the Xayaburi Hydropower Project developers, construction of the dam across the main body of the Mekong, which would cause major irreversible