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Peking, November 8 (Hsin Hua) -- Tung Pi-wu, Vice-Chairman of the People's Republic of China, and Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, sent a message today to Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State of Cambodia and Chairman of the National United Front of Cambodia, and Samdech Penn Nouth, Chairman of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the National United Front of Cambodia and Prime Minister of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, extending warmest congratulations on the 18th Anniversary of the National Day of the Kingdom of Cambodia. The message reads:

Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State of Cambodia and Chairman of the National United Front of Cambodia,

Samdech Penn Nouth, Chairman of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the National United Front of Cambodia and Prime Minister of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia,

On the occasion of the 18th Anniversary of the National Day of the Kingdom of Cambodia, we wish to express, on behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Chinese people, our warmest congratulations to Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State of Cambodia, and to the National United Front of Cambodia, the Royal Government of National Union and the fraternal Cambodian people.

Under the leadership of Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, the heroic Cambodian people have all along resolutely opposed the U.S. imperialist aggression and interference and waged unremitting struggles for the defense of national independence, State sovereignty and territorial integrity. After the counter-revolutionary coup d'etat staged by the Lon Nol - Sirik Matak traitorous clique at the instigation of U.S. imperialism, the Cambodian people, united closely under the brilliant banner of the National United Front of Cambodia with Head of State Samdech Norodom Sihanouk as the Chairman, resolutely took up arms and vigorously waged the war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. In the past year and more, fighting valiantly with common hatred for the enemy, the Patriotic Armed Forces and people of Cambodia have won splendid victories in various battlefields. At present

the liberated areas in Cambodia are being steadily consolidated and expanded, the people's political power has been set up on an extensive scale at different levels, and the People's Armed Forces of National Liberation of Cambodia are growing stronger and stronger through fighting and have become an invincible force. The Royal Government of National Union is winning recognition and support from an increasing number of countries. The great victories won by the Cambodian people have greatly encouraged the oppressed nations and peoples throughout the world in their struggle against U.S. imperialism.

U.S. imperialism is not reconciled to its defeat. It is still trying by every possible means to prop up the tottering Lon Nol - Sirik Matak puppet regime and pushing the "Khmerization" of its war of aggression against Cambodia. However, the total defeat of the U.S. imperialist war of aggression in Cambodia and in the whole of Indo-China is a foregone conclusion. We are deeply convinced that the heroic Cambodian people, who are fighting shoulder-to-shoulder with the heroic Vietnamese and Laotian peoples and advancing from victory to victory and who are redoubling their efforts, will certainly thoroughly defeat the U.S. aggressors and their Phnom Penh lackeys and win the complete independence and liberation of their Fatherland.

In their struggle against U.S. imperialism, the Chinese and Cambodian peoples have always sympathized with and supported and assisted each other. The fraternal friendship and militant unity between China and Cambodia are unbreakable. Following the teachings of their great leader Chairman Mao, the Chinese people pledge themselves to provide powerful backing to the Cambodian people and firmly support them in their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation until complete victory.

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People's Republic of China

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