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NUFC RADIO EDITORIAL ON CAMBODIA-PRC FRIENDSHIP

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[Text] Peking, August 18, 1975 (HSINHUA) -- The Voice of the National United Front of Cambodia broadcast an editorial yesterday warmly hailing the militant unity and revolutionary friendship between the people of Cambodia and China.

The editorial says that the Cambodian proverb "a real friend is chosen in adversity" is a truth. When U.S. imperialism and the Lon Nol clique flagrantly launched the war against the Cambodian people and the Cambodian revolution on March 18, 1970, the Chinese people, the Chinese party and the Government of the People's Republic of China unhesitatingly and immediately sided with the Cambodian people. The Chinese people understood the feelings of the Cambodian people and knew clearly who were the friends of the Cambodian people and who were their enemies. Thus, they took a clear-cut stand. When Samdech Norodom Sihanouk came to Peking on March 19, 1970, the Chinese people, the Chinese party and the Government of the People's Republic of China received him as the legal head of state of Cambodia. The Chinese people shared the feelings of the Cambodian people and revolutionaries who were struggling in forests and entire Cambodia. Despite a long distance between us, our hearts were linked together.

The editorial says that Chairman Mao Tsetung, the respected leader of the Chinese people and the most respected and esteemed comrade-in-arms of the Cambodian people and Cambodian revolutionaries, issued a solemn statement on May 20, 1970, resolutely supporting the Cambodian people, the National United Front of Cambodia and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, and calling on the people of all countries to unite to defeat the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys.

In the 5 years and more of resisting the war of aggression launched by the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys, the editorial adds, the Chinese people, the Chinese party and the Government of the People's Republic of China have given wholehearted support through every channel to the Cambodian people, the Cambodian People's National Liberation Armed Forces, the National United Front of Cambodia and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia.

The editorial goes on to say that the vast expanse of China and its 800 million people have always been the reliable rear of the Cambodian people. Likewise, the Cambodian people have all along stood on the side of the fraternal Chinese people, consistently rendering their every possible support to them. All this fully demonstrates the extremely profound fraternity between the Cambodian and Chinese people who share weal and woe.

The editorial says that the Chinese people, the Chinese party and the People's Republic of China respect and give unconditional support to the revolutionary line and stand of Cambodia, especially the line of independence, self-reliance and taking their destiny into their own hands. They highly praise this stand and give sincere and vigorous support to the revolutionary policies of Cambodia internationally.

It says that there are many medium-sized and small countries in the world which treasure their own independence. No country or people in the world likes or is willing to be subjected to interference or aggression by others. On the contrary, it always wants to gain independence and be respected. The People's Republic of China has friendly intercourse with many medium-sized and small countries and has won the support and admiration of the peace-loving people all over the world. This shows that the Chinese people, the Chinese party and the Government of the People's Republic of China are sincere and loyal to them. The Cambodian people feel warm, for they have such brothers and comrades-in-arms like the Chinese people.

The Cambodian people are determined to unite closely with the Chinese people and advance in big strides on the road of independence, of opposing aggression and intervention by imperialism, colonialism and neecolonialism, and of establishing progress and peace in our two countries and the rest of the world, the editorial says in conclusion.