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IV. PEKING STATEMENT SUPPORTS SIHANOUK
"KINGDOM"; CONDEMNS LON NOL REPUBLIC.

Text of PRC statement on establishment of Khmer Republic
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Statement of the Government of the People's Republic of China
October 10, 1970.

On October 9, 1970 U.S., imperialism's lackey the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak traitorous clique proclaimed the establishment of the so-called Khmer "Republic". On October 10, the Cambodian Head of State Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the National United Front of Kampuchea and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia issued a joint statement on this matter, exposing the illegal and deceptive character of the "republic" of the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique and its anti-popular, anti-democratic and anti-national nature, and calling upon the governments of various countries to refuse to recognize Lon Nol's "republic" de facto or de jure. The Chinese Government and people firmly support this just stand of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

The proclamation of the establishment of the so-called "republic" by the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak traitorous clique is a puppet farce stage-managed single-handedly by U.S. imperialism and a political hoax contrived by it. In instigating the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique to stage a reactionary coup d'etat to illegally overthrow Samdech Sihanouk and in dispatching its own troops to invade Cambodia and expand its war of aggression in Indochina, U.S. imperialism has met with the firm resistance of the people of the three countries of Cambodia, Viet Nam and Laos and the strong condemnation of the people of the whole world.

In the past six months and more, U.S. imperialism and its lackey the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak puppet clique have not only suffered heavy blows militarily but also found themselves in extreme isolation politically. Hemmed in at Phnom Penh, the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak puppet clique are eking out a precarious existence, liable to fall at any moment. And now U.S. imperialism has attached a tag of "republic" to its running dogs of Phnom Penh in an attempt to deceive the public by usurping this name, but this cannot save them from their doomed destruction.

Whether a state is progressive or reactionary depends not on whether it bears the name of a kingdom or a republic, but on whether or not the policy it follows represents the interests of the people and whether or not its policy is anti-imperialist. There are certain kingdoms which pursue a policy of peace and neutrality, oppose imperialist aggression and defend their national independence, thus winning the approval and support of the people and playing a progressive role in history. Although the imperialist United States of America is a republic, it pursues the policies of aggression and war and has become the main stronghold of the world reactionary forces and the most ferocious enemy of the people of the whole world.

The Cambodian Head of State Samdech Norodom Sihanouk has consistently pursued a policy of independence, peace and neutrality, firmly opposed U.S. imperialist aggression and subversion and actively supported the Vietnamese and Laotian peoples' war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation and has thus won the support and love of the broad masses of the Cambodian people and the support and praise of the people of various countries in the world. Biting themselves out to U.S. imperialism, the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak traitorous clique have ushered the wolves into the house and are slaughtering the people. They have degenerated into shameless pests of the nation and running dogs of U.S. imperialism. However hard they may try to make themselves up, they cannot cover up their traitorous, dictatorial and fascist reactionary features.

The Chinese Government reaffirms that the Royal Government of National Union under the leadership of the National United Front of Kampuchea with the Cambodian Head of State Samdech Norodom Sihanouk as the chairman is the sole lawful government of the Cambodian people. The Chinese Government and people firmly support the Cambodian people in their just struggle against U.S. imperialism and its lackey the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak traitorous clique and firmly oppose the scheming activities of U.S. imperialism and its collaborator to sabotage the Cambodian people's struggle against U.S. aggression and for national salvation through the instrumentality of the United Nations or by other means.

We firmly believe that under the leadership of Head of State Samdech Sihanouk, the Cambodian people and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, uniting closely with the Vietnamese and Laotian peoples and the revolutionary people of the whole world and persevering in a protracted people's war, will certainly win complete victory in their struggle against U.S. aggression and for national salvation and realize the independence and liberation of the Kingdom of Cambodia.