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RGNUC DIPLOMATIC HEADS HOLD CONFERENCE IN PEKING

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[Text] Kampuchea 15 October AKI--On the morning of 7 October His Excellency Penn Mouth, chairman of the Political Bureau of the National United Front of Kampuchea and prime minister of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, presided over the solemn opening session of the first conference of chiefs of diplomatic and political missions of the Cambodian Kingdom, which is being held in Peking under the high patronage of Prince Norodom Sihanouk, head of state and chairman of the NUFK. Participating were Mr Ieng Sary, special envoy of the internal organization of the NUFK Central Committee, minister of foreign affairs of the RGNUC, as well as all members of the Political Bureau and royal government missions abroad.

Two slogans saying: "Long live the National United Front of Kampuchea and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia!" and "Long live Prince Norodom Sihanouk, head of state and chairman of NUFK!" were seen in the conference room. Other banderoles were seen saying: Solidarity and ~~unity~~ **unity** are factors which determine victory! Long live the revolutionary war for the liberation of the nation and people! Be independent and master of the situation and one's destiny, rely on one's own strength, conduct a protracted struggle, and accept all sacrifices and overcome all difficulties in order to vanquish! One banderole said: The liberation diplomat is our people's fighter on the international stage! Another said: Down with U.S. imperialism and its running dogs--Lon Nol, Sirik Matak, Song Ngoc Thanh!

After a minute of silence in memory of fighters and compatriots fallen on the battlefield for national salvation, His Excellency Penn Mouth--in an atmosphere of deep emotion--recounted the strategic victories won by the Khmer people during the past 18 months. He underscored the close unity between the internal and external organizations of the NUFK and RGNUC in conducting the revolutionary war for the liberation of the nation and people. He pointed out the perfidious and criminal maneuvers, especially on the international stage, of the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their running dogs aimed at obtaining a compromise solution to gain time to strengthen their wavering forces. He confirmed that the Khmer people are determined to make the most of their victorious impetus and conduct an uncompromising, unrelenting protracted war until final victory no matter what happens.

After congratulating the chiefs of diplomatic and political missions for their successes, His Excellency Penn Nouth stressed the essential qualities of liberation diplomats as fighters on the international stage in service of the revolutionary war for liberation. He emphasized the decisive factor of this war, which is the military-political struggle at home, and stressed the importance of the struggle on the diplomatic front, which is a necessary complement to the armed struggle. Finally, he warmly thanked Mr Ieng Sary, whose arrival in Peking marked an important episode in the people's struggle and who took pains to valuably contribute to strengthening unity within the NUFK and RGNUC.

Following His Excellency Penn Nouth's speech, Mr Ieng Sary conveyed to the conference the affectionate greetings of Mr Khieu Samphan, deputy premier, minister of national defense, and commander in chief of the CNPLAF, and of other leaders of the internal organization of the NUFK and RGNUC. These leaders expressed great admiration for the courage and patriotism displayed by their colleagues abroad in their firm and resolute struggle on the international stage. They also conveyed warm compliments for the important diplomatic successes achieved due to the impetus of Prince Norodom Sihanouk, head of state and chairman of the NUFK, and His Excellency Penn Nouth, chairman of the NUFK Central Committee Political Bureau and RGNUC prime minister. After describing the heroic struggle of the Khmer people and their determination to uncompromisingly and relentlessly carry on the revolutionary war until final victory, no matter what sacrifices it involved nor how long it took, all leaders of the internal organization of the NUFK and RGNUC voiced complete unity with the external organization concerning the concept and guidance of the revolutionary war for liberation.

Finally, on behalf of all chiefs of diplomatic and political missions and in his own name, Mr Sarin Chhak bid a warm and fraternal welcome to Mr Ieng Sary and asked him to convey his deep feelings of militant fraternity and gratitude to all colleagues at home as well as to all compatriots. He added that, born among the heroic Khmer people who have constantly struggled against foreign domination and oppression, the heads of diplomatic and political missions had enthusiastically rallied to the NUFK and RGNUC at a time when the U.S. imperialist aggressors and Saigon valets were invading the national territory, thereby endangering the sacred life of the fatherland and the Khmer people. All liberation diplomats are more determined than ever to accept the greatest sacrifices and contribute all their strength to the towering might of the Khmer people in order to win greater victories on the international stage where nearly 30 countries have recognized the RGNUC, and to conduct a firm and resolute struggle against all perfidious enemy diplomatic schemes and crush internal and external enemies--the U.S. imperialist aggressors, their Saigon and Bangkok lackeys, and the traitorous Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh clique. All liberation diplomats will show themselves worthy of the people's confidence.

After the ceremony the participants went to the residence of Prince Norodom Sihanouk, head of state and chairman of the NUFK, who warmly welcomed them and gave them encouragement and additional directives for the smooth working of the conference and their respective missions. The audience was followed by a banquet hosted by the head of state and Neak Moneang Monique Sihanouk as a token of their solicitude and militant solidarity with all chiefs of diplomatic and political missions.

In an atmosphere of enthusiasm, all participants firmly resolved to devote all efforts to study together and to insure that the conference serves as a basis for winning further victories in the struggle against the U.S. imperialists and their valets on the international stage.