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DECLARATION OF THE SECOND NATIONAL CONGRESS OF CAMBODIA

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February 24 and 25, 1975, in a location in the liberated zone of Cambodia, ~~XXXXXX~~ the Second National Congress was held under the presidency of Mr. Khieu Samphan, Vice Premier Minister, Minister of National Defense of GRUNK, ^{Cambodian} Commander-in-Chief of the People's Armed Forces (FAPNLK) for National Liberation. In attendance were all the ministers and vice ministers of GRUNK, representatives of all mass organizations, the Cambodian Association of Democratic Women, the Association of Democratic Youth, ^{the Farmers Association}, the Association of Patriotic Monks, the Association of Patriotic Intellectuals, the Association of Patriotic Writers and Poets, and representatives of the three categories of FAPNLK (regular, regional and guerrilla ~~g~~ troops). A total of 273 people attended the Congress.

This second National Congress was held at a time when the military, political and economic situation ^{shifted} ~~has changed~~ considerably in favor of the Cambodian people's ~~x~~ popular and national liberation struggle. We are, in fact, in a period when we are launching powerful general offensives and when the enemy's walls are caving in ~~xxx~~ on all sides. Phnom Penh is totally surrounded and the enemy is floundering in the throes of agony in all domains, military, political, economic, financial, and in replenishment of supplies and munitions.

For two days, in this excellent situation, the work of the Second Congress took place. Following detailed discussions, the National Congress adopted the following declaration on a number of important current problems:

1. With regard to the seven traitors, the National Congress decided the following: Lon Nol, Sirik Matak, Son Ngoc Thanh, Cheng Heng, In Tam, Long Boret, and Sosthene Fernandez are the chiefs of staff of the traitors, planners of the coup d'etat which destroyed the independence, peace and neutrality of Cambodia. They invited the imperialist American aggression which has brought fire and blood to ^{-letting} Cambodia, causing innumerable indiscriminate deaths among monks, men, ~~and~~ women and children. Never in the course of their history have the Cambodian people known such suffering, destruction and grief.

In the name of FUNK, GRUNK, and FAPLNK, the National Congress declares that it is necessary, at whatever cost, to put an end to the existence of the fascist and corrupt traitors for their monstrous crimes ~~unprecedented~~ ~~unprecedented~~ in Cambodian history.

As for the civil servants, officers and soldiers, police officers and agents, self-defense forces, members of all military and paramilitary organizations, political ~~men~~ personalities and ~~others~~, members of various agencies of the criminal regime, the National Congress, in the name of FUNK, GRUNK AND FAPLNK, declares that these compatriots are free to rejoin FUNK and the Cambodian nation and people as soon as they cease their activities in service of the seven traitors and ~~all~~ cease all collaboration with them. The nation, the people, FUNK and GRUNK welcome, gladly accept and reward with dignity those compatriots who rise up, struggle, or turn their arms against the traitors.

Also, on this occasion, in the name of the nation and people of Cambodia, of FUNK, GRUNK and FAPLNK, the National Congress calls on all officers and soldiers, police officers and agents, self-defense forces, functionaries, political personalities and others living under the

temporary control of the enemy to abandon the seven traitors who are about to ~~the~~ take their last breath. The National Congress calls on them to unite with the population of Phnom Penh and other localities under the temporary control of the enemy to lead the struggle against the traitors, raze their military posts and police stations, destroy their stockpiles of ammunition, supplies and fuel, turn their arms against the traitors, multiply their achievements and thus contribute to the liberation of the nation and people.

2. With regard to the American imperialists, who are interfering in the internal affairs of Cambodia and who are practicing overt aggression and are pursuing their policy of "Khmerization" of the war, leading to immeasurable grief, destruction and suffering, the National Congress, in the name of the nation and people of Cambodia, FUNK, GRUNK, and FAPLNK, declares one more time:

The nation and people of Cambodia are carrying on the struggle, under the leadership of FUNK and GRUNK, for the cessation of all foreign intervention and all direct and indirect American imperialist aggression against Cambodia, for the withdrawal from Cambodia of all their military advisers, all their "pacification" advisers, and all their agencies for aiding the Phnom Penh traitors. In this struggle, the Cambodian nation and people, FUNK and GRUNK harbor no intention of interference nor any aggressive thoughts against the United States of America, against the American nation or people, or against any other country or people near or far. We are fighting only for freedom, independence and the dignity of our nation.

3. The National Congress, in the name of the Cambodina nation and people, FUNK, GRUNK and FAPLNK, solemnly reaffirm its ~~international~~ domestic and international political line:

--Domestically, FUNK and GRUNK, in the name of the Cambodian nation and people, hold in their hands the destiny of the country. They maintain a policy of ~~the~~ great unity of the whole nation and ~~people~~, without regard to social class, political tendency, religious beliefs and without ~~consideration~~ regard to anyone's past except for the seven traitors Lon Nol, Sirik Matak, Son Ngoc Thanh, Cheng Heng, In Tam, Long Boret, ~~and~~ Sosthene Fernandez. FUNK and GRUNK envision a prosperous Cambodia, where everyone has adequate food, lives decently, and enjoys the benefits of adequate housing, medical care and ~~a~~ education.

--Internationally, FUNK and GRUNK practice a policy of non-alignment and neutrality. They do not tolerate any base for military aggression on their soil. They hold firmly to the five principles of peaceful ^{their} coexistence: they establish relations, regardless of ~~political~~ or social systems, with all countries which respect the principles of equality, mutual respect and reciprocal interests, non-aggression and non-interference in the internal affairs of another. The Cambodian nation and people will accept aid from all countries, as long as it is given without conditions.

4. The National Congress, in the name of FUNK and GRUNK, calls on the population of Phnom Penh and the provincial capitals under the temporary control of the enemy--monks and laity, skilled and unskilled workers of all types, high school and university students, teachers and professors -- to unite in all forms of struggle to overthrow the traitors. Under the

overwhelmingly attacks launched on all sides by FAPLNG, the traitors, panicking, are floundering in the throes of agony. They will breath their last gasp.

Let all our monks and compatriots rise up, unite, fight and strike the enemy from within, by meetings, demonstrations, strikes, struggles against ~~a the~~ military ~~draft~~ conscription and hunger, attacks on the traitors' rice and supply depots, all the way to insurrections! Let them rise up and take arms against the enemy and vanquish him, destroy his administrative centers, his communications centers, police and military posts, his camps and command posts! Let them destroy the heads of the enemy's political and economic institutions! (If necessary, let our monks and compatriots enter the liberated zone! FUNK, GRUNK and the organizations of FUNK at all levels reserve for them the warmest greetings and extend their heartfelt support on the moral as well as the material level in their new lives in the liberated zone.

5. In the situation where the dying regime of the Phnom Pneh traitors is crumbling, and in particular in the situation where the riel of the traitors has no value ~~in~~ either in the country or abroad, the National Congress declares that from this day forward the riel of the Phnom Penh traitors will no longer be circulated and that a new riel issued by FUNK and GRUNK will be put into circulation. As to the principles and modalities of putting this new riel into circulation, GRUNK and its qualified banking agency will ~~put~~ practically apply them according to concrete conditions.

Up to now in the liberated zone, no obstacle has been able to hinder the development of the economy, the financing of the war of national

liberation, nor to disrupt the life of the people, thanks to the application of a political economy and financing based on barter, which permits a progressive end to use of the enemy's riel. In 1973, the enemy's riel entered into only 15 percent of exchange activities in the liberated zone. In 1974 this proportion was reduced to 5 percent, in January, 1975 to 1.5 percent, and as of mid-February use of the enemy's riel is totally banned. In the future the practice of barter will continue as at present, and the new riel issued by FUNK and GRUNK and the organizations of FUNK will be put progressively into circulation. Thus new possibilities will be offered for the development of the economy and for finances at the service of the people and the war of national liberation.

With regard to all our compatriots of all economic and social classes, functionaries of every rank and category, officers and soldiers, police of all ranks, who have, one after another, abandoned the enemy to ~~xxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ enter the liberated zone, FUNK, GRUNK and the organizations of FUNK of all levels have a ~~xxx~~ just policy of aid and support. They assure them of basic necessities and means of support, which allow them to lead a decent life without need to revert to the riel of the enemy.

Compatriots of every social and economic class ~~xxx~~ living in Phnom Penh and several other provincial headquarters under temporary enemy control, functionaries of all ranks and categories, officers and soldiers of every grade, all grades of officers and agents of police, who prepare to leave the ranks of the traitors to enter the liberated zone of FUNK, do not be concerned about your means of livelihood and your work. They will be fully assured.

6. The National Congress, in the name of the Cambodian people, FUNK,

GRUNK and FAPLNK, reiterates its appeal to all embassies and foreign bodies recognized by the regime of traitors to remove without delay their personnel and families from Phnom Penh and regions under the enemy's temporary control in order to avoid any accident which could eventually befall them. FUNK and GRUNK disclaim any responsibility for such accidents.

7. In the name of the Cambodian nation and people, in the name of FUNK and Chief of State Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, its President, in the name of GRUNK and Prime Minister Penn Nouth, and in the name of FAPLNK, the National Congress renews its expression of profound gratitude to the people and friendly countries near and far, such as the American youth and peace-loving American personalities, for the aid and support given to the Cambodian nation ~~and~~ and people in their just and popular national liberation struggle. The National Congress calls on them to continue this aid and support, in particular to block all the maneuvers and acts of intervention and aggression by the Ford-Kissinger administration in Cambodia, in order to let the nation and people ~~a~~ manage their own affairs without any foreign interference.

8. In the name of the Cambodian National United Front and the Cambodian Royal Government of National Union, the National Congress calls on the whole people of Cambodia, the three categories of the Cambodian Peoples National Liberation Armed Forces, at the front as ~~at~~ at the rear, to redouble their combativeness and to intensify ~~th~~ without rest their attacks against the enemy, to accomplish ~~h~~ our mission of total and ~~definitive~~ final liberation of the nation and people.

--The Liberated Zone of Cambodia, February 26, 1975
For the Second National Congress of Cambodia,
The President,
Khieu Samphan