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## ✓ SIHANOUK MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE TO CHOU EN-LAI

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[Text] Peking, April 9 (HSINHUA)--Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, head of state of Cambodia, sent a message on April 6 to Premier Chou En-lai then on a friendly visit to Pyongyang, expressing gratitude to the Chinese Government and people for their firm support for the Cambodian people's struggle against U.S. imperialism and its lackeys. Full text follows:

His Excellency Chou En-lai, premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, on state visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in Pyongyang.

I have just learned the noble content of the important official speech you made in Pyongyang on Monday, which has wide repercussions. In this speech, my progressive, anti-fascist and anti-imperialist compatriots have learned, with the deepest satisfaction and the most sincere gratitude, the news of the official position taken by the Government of the People's Republic of China and its glorious people in favour of the National United Front of Kampuchea and the struggle of the progressive, anti-fascist and anti-imperialist Khmer people, as well as the unequivocal condemnation by the Chinese Government and people of the March 18 coup d'etat in Phnom Penh and its authors, U.S. imperialism and its reactionary lackeys.

In the name of the Khmer people who are fighting this imperialism and the traitorous reactionaries, and in my own name, I express our lasting and unbounded gratitude for such firm, clear-cut and powerful support of China under the leadership of Chairman Mao Tsetung, its very much respected, distinguished and beloved leader.

I whole-heartedly thank Your Excellency in particular, who has done so much for my country and its people and who is our greatest and most faithful friend.

The support of the People's Republic of China and its great people and the militant solidarity of the valiant Korean, Vietnamese and Laotian peoples make it entirely certain for the Khmer people and their fighters to win magnificent victory over the common enemy and its lackeys, thus opening the road to building a new Cambodia, a people's Cambodia more beautiful and more prosperous than ever.

With very high, friendly and fraternal consideration.

Nordom Sihanouk