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[Editorial: "Long Live the Fraternal Friendship Between the Cambodian and Korean Peoples"]

[Text] At the invitation of the DPRK Government, a delegation of the NUFC and the RGNUC with Samdech Penn Nouth, chairman of the Political Bureau of the NUFC Central Committee and prime minister of the RGNUC as its leader, and Deputy Prime Minister Khieu Samphan as its deputy leader left Peking for Pyongyang on 19 August 1975 for an official goodwill visit to the DPRK. At Pyongyang Airport our delegation was warmly greeted and welcomed by several thousand Korean people and Korean leaders, including Deputy Premier Kim Tong-k, [title as heard]. In Pyongyang, 19 August was an evening of great fraternal friendship between the fraternal Cambodian and Korean peoples, because the DPRK Government arranged a solemn banquet in honor of the Cambodian delegation. On this occasion Samdech Chief of State and NUFC Chairman Norodom Sihanouk, President Kim Il-song, Samdech Prime Minister Penn Nouth and Deputy Prime Minister Khieu Samphan met, shook hands with and embraced each other in an extremely warm and cordial atmosphere of friendship and brotherhood.

Now that Cambodia is totally and definitely liberated, the friendly and cordial reunion between the samdech chief of state and NUFC chairman, the samdech prime minister and the deputy prime minister of the RGNUC and all their excellencies the leaders of the DPRK with President Kim Il-song, the great, venerated and beloved leader of the Korean people, is a new historic stage in the great fraternal friendship between the Cambodian and Korean peoples. The Korean people are the closest and staunchest comrades-in-arms and brothers of the Cambodian people. In the past, especially during the war of aggression of U.S. imperialism and the Lon Nol clique over the past more than 5 years, the DPRK people, party and government, with President Kim Il-song as their chief, wholeheartedly supported and assisted the Cambodian people to the best of their abilities.

The Cambodian people express most profound thanks to the fraternal Korean people and to the DPRK party and government. They have great admiration for the progress in all fields that the Korean people, under the leadership of President Kim Il-song, have achieved along the line of independence, initiative and selfreliance. The Cambodian people wish their Korean brothers more and greater victories in building socialism in North Korea, driving U.S. imperialism and its lackeys to the last man out of South Korea and advancing toward achieving the reunification of the Korean fatherland.

Long live the firm, long-standing and ever growing fraternal friendship between Cambodia and Korea.