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# SAMDECH NORODOM SIHANOUK'S MARCH 23, 1970 PROCLAMATION

(Excerpts)

I formally declare:

1. In my capacity as legal Head of State of Cambodia, a supreme position unanimously granted me by the Khmer people, I irrevocably dissolve the Lon Nol government and the two chambers of parliament who have broken their constitutional oaths and violated the Constitution of the Kingdom.

2. I call on all my fellow-countrymen and all the foreign nationals in Cambodia not to recognize and carry out the decrees (prakas, kret), laws (kram), orders, messages, circulars, judgements, all kinds of decision, and verdicts which the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Cheng Heng group and their accomplices or servants have issued or are going to issue.

3. A new National Union Government will be formed. A provisional Consultative Assembly will also be appointed (to assist the Government), whose members will be qualified representatives from all circles of the Khmer society (monks, peasants and farmers, workers and other labourers, merchants, industrialists, army men, policemen, provincial guards, youth and intellectuals, functionaries, women, etc.).

4. A National Liberation Army will be created.

5. All Khmer people at home and abroad (the clergy and laymen,

army men and civilians, men and women) — who cherish the ideals of independence, democracy, neutrality, progress, socialism, Buddhism and nationalism, and stand for territorial integrity of the country within her existing frontiers, anti-imperialism and anti-neo-colonialism — will unite into a united front under the official name "the National United Front of Kampuchea" (abbreviation: NUFK).

The essential tasks of the NUFK are:

*One* — Liberate our motherland from the dictatorship and oppression of the reactionary and pro-imperialist Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Cheng Heng clique.

*Two* — Fight against the American imperialists who are committing aggression against our Indochina and oppressing her peoples, and are fomenting injustice, war and all kinds of calamities, hostility and disunity, troubles, crises and misery among our three peoples — the Khmers, Vietnamese and Lao — and the struggle will be waged side by side with the socialist, progressive, anti-imperialist countries or peoples, far and near, with their complete support.

*Three* — Rebuild our country and make her advance as rapidly as possible along the road of progress following our victory over our enemies. This task of reconstruction is to be taken up by all of us, the Khmers, in comradeship, solidarity and complete unity as in times of grim fighting.

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