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**Joint-Statement  
on  
The Stance of Civil Society in Joining the Observation of the Process of Housing Resolution at  
Borie Kiela Community**

We are the civil society organizations comprising of the Cambodian Center for Human Rights (**CCHR**), the Cambodian Human Rights and Development Association (**ADHOC**), Samakum Teang Tnaut (**STT**), Housing Rights Task Force (**HRTF**) and the Cambodian Human Rights Action Committee (**CHRAC**) who make the following joint statement to address the issues associated with resolving the remaining housing problems faced by the Borie Kiela community people:

1. The housing assessment, which is to be undertaken, will be independently observed by civil society organizations without interference by the civil society organizations and without political motivation.
2. The civil society organizations will be open to participating in a joint consultation with the community and the authorities in the event that there is a request from the community people or authorities but this will not mean participating in the decision making process.
3. The civil society organizations are open to facilitating and coordinating discussion and consultation between the community people and the authorities in the spirit of a real commitment to a resolution, so long as the parties involved act honestly and fairly.

We acknowledge that to date we have been invited and allowed to participate in the discussions and observe the resolution process of the remaining Borei Kiela community people, to allow for open discussions and increased cooperation between the government and civil society organizations. We welcome the government's initiative to manage the housing problem faced by the Borei Keila community people including the organizing of a public forum and consultations. We the civil society organizations have however observed some irregularities in the process as there has been an increase in the number of the affected people and there have been restrictions on the participation of representatives of the Borei Keila community to participate in the primary consultation process to evaluate the housing entitlements of the affected families.

As mentioned above, we would like request that the MPP and relevant authorities ensure a transparent resolution to this problem and we urge the relevant authorities and the affected community to continue to discuss and to seek a resolution together in order to end this confronting land problem. We the civil societies will continue to observe and participate in the consultation process.

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