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PRESS RELEASE

On October 10, 2017, at 8:30 AM, A Meeting Discussion on “**Solutions to the Disputed Economic Land Concession for Sugar Cane Plantation for Exportation**” in 4 provinces: Koh Kong, Kompong Speu, Preah Vihear, and Oddar Meanchey, was held at the MLMUPC, under the presidency of **H.E Senior Minister CHEA Sophara**, Minister of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction, along with **H.E Pan Sorasak**, Minister of Commerce, **H.E SAY Samal**, Minister of Environment, Representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, **H.E George EDGAR**, Ambassador of the European Union to the Kingdom of Cambodia, **H.E Walker SIMON**, Representative of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, **H.E Nikolaos ZAIMIS**, Representatives of the European Directorate General for Trade, Governors of Preah Vihear Oddar Meanchey, and Kampong Speu Provinces, and Deputy Governor of Koh Kong Province, NGOs. The outcomes of the meeting are listed below:

- 1- **KOH KONG Province:** Dispute between citizens with HENG Huy company, Koh Kong Plantation Co.,Ltd and Koh Kong Sugar Industry Co., ltd.
 - Closed case of the 17 families/claimants with HENG Huy Company and pursue further solutions for the remaining 9 families/claimants.
 - Agree to solve 171 among 200 families which have not been solved concerning the complaints lodged at EU based on the agreed principles made with the company in 2015, in total land size of 300 Hectares, by which each family will be granted 1.50 Hectares. The remaining land areas for 29 families who already consented will be used for infrastructure purpose.
 - Examine and seek solutions for requests made by 140 among 175 families. 16 families used to agree with the proposed solutions and 19 families remain conditions unfulfilled.
 - Dismiss 211 families who filed the information form as 115 families failed to fulfill all the conditions (108 families whose ages are under majority to possess any ownership, 6 duplicated families, and 1 family withdrawn) and other 96 among 671 families has been compensated from 2006 – 2015 from the company.
- 2- **KOMPONG SPEU Province:** Dispute between citizens with Phnom Penh Sugar, Kompong Speu Sugar and Kompong Speu Plantation.
 - Provincial authority will verify against family books of 13 families in Thpong district and 166 families in Oral district in order to determine the exact impacts and solutions.
 - Delegate the power to the working group and provincial authority to continue verification of the information forms received in order to find claimants who have never been offered any solutions, claimants who rejected the proposed solution; and claimants consented with the proposed solutions and irrelevant parties.
- 3- **PREAH VIHEAR Province:** Dispute between citizens and LAN FENG (Cambodia) International Company Limited, RUI FENG (Cambodia) International Company Limited,

HENG YUI (Cambodia) International Company Limited, HENG RUI (Cambodia) International Company Limited and HENG NON (Cambodia) International Company Limited:

- Closed cases of 13 of 24 families who agreed with company previously and continue to solve with remaining claimants.
 - Examine and solve the cases of the 14 families materially affected which have not been offered any solutions.
 - Continue to coordinate with 18 families who rejected the offered solutions.
 - Dismiss the requests made by 230 families who filed the information forms as 30 families already consented with the offered solutions in 2012 based on Order No.01 and remaining 200 families are irrelevant parties.
 - Request made by 3 KOUY indigenous communities, that community areas to be listed as collective ownership based on the unofficial initial map made by PONLORK KHMER Organization which covers district hall, commune hall, Preah Rokar Wildlife Sanctuary and covered forest areas which the Ministry will particularly examine based on the Principle and Procedures of Registration of Land of Indigenous Communities.
- 4- **ODDAR MEANCHEY Province:** Disputes between the families and (Cambodia) Cane and Sugar Vally, Tonle Sugar Cane and Angkor Sugar Companies
- From 2008 - 2009, 1533 families affected by the sugar cane investment were already solved with land size of 2783 Hectares and lived and used the plot of land offered.
 - In 2015, the three investment companies dismissed the projects and transferred all lands to the Government in accordance with the letter No. 283 SNC dated March 13, 2015 of Council of Ministers. The letter has delegated the lands to Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and State Land Council Committee of Public Land Management of Oddar Meanchey Province for authorization.
- 5- EU, NGOs, line ministries, and relevant institutions congratulate and continue to cooperate in order to entirely close the remaining disputed cases between the people and the sugar cane plantation companies in Koh Kong, Kompong Speu and Preah Vihear provinces.

Therefore, please be informed.

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