

**A STATEMENT FROM U.S. EMBASSY PHNOM PENH
ON THE KEM SOKHA VERDICT**



The United States is deeply troubled by the conviction of respected Cambodian political leader Kem Sokha.

The multi-year process to silence Kem Sokha, based on a fabricated conspiracy, is a miscarriage of justice.

Denying Kem Sokha and other political figures their freedom of expression and association undermines Cambodia's constitution, international commitments, and past progress to develop as a pluralist and inclusive society.

We call on authorities to allow all Cambodians to enjoy their universal human rights of peaceful assembly and free expression and to participate in building a truly democratic system.