



AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY PHNOM PENH

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STATEMENT FROM AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY ON AMENDMENTS TO CAMBODIA'S LAW ON POLITICAL PARTIES

The Australian Government is concerned at recently passed amendments to Cambodia's Law on Political Parties. As a longstanding friend and supporter of Cambodia's development, Australia understands the importance of credible elections to all Cambodians. Laws that unnecessarily restrict political parties and the freedom for citizens to engage in the political process are of concern. Australia encourages Cambodia to fully implement the principles of democracy as affirmed in the ASEAN Charter.

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