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RELATING TO POLITICAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN

Memorandum by the Secretary-General

ADDENDUM

Since the publication of document A/3145 dated 26 July 1956, the following developments in the field of political rights of women have taken place or have been brought to the attention of the Secretary-General:

1. In Cambodia, a constitutional amendment was adopted by the National Assembly on 6 December 1955, and promulgated by His Majesty the King of Cambodia on 14 January 1956, which accords to Cambodian women the right to vote and to be elected in all elections on the same conditions as men.

The text of the relevant provisions of the amended Constitution is given below.

Cambodia - Constitution of 1947 as amended in 1956

Article 49: (former article 48 as amended). Every Cambodian citizen of either sex who has attained the age of twenty years, provided that he has not suffered deprivation of his civil rights and that he fulfils the requirements of the electoral law, shall be an elector.

Members of the armed services may not be electors or be qualified to be elected. Likewise, members of religious orders may not be electors or candidates by reason of the Buddhist dogmas.

Article 50: (former article 49 as amended). Electors of either sex who have attained the age of twenty-five years shall be qualified for election to the National Assembly. The electoral law shall determine conditions of ineligibility.

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The position of member of the National Assembly is not compatible with the active exercise of any public function.

2. On 24 August 1956, the Convention on the Political Rights of Women was ratified by Norway, bringing the total number of ratifications and accessions to twenty-four.
