



APPLICATION OF CAMBODIA FOR ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP
IN THE UNITED NATIONS

Letter dated 15 June 1952 from the President of the Council of Ministers
and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cambodia, addressed to the
Secretary-General

Note by the Secretary-General: Pursuant to rule 134 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith, for the information of the Members of the United Nations, a copy of a letter dated 15 June 1952 from the President of the Council of Ministers and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cambodia concerning the application of Cambodia for admission to membership in the United Nations.

Phnom-Penh, 15 June 1952

On behalf of the Cambodian Government, I have the honour to apply for the admission of the Kingdom of Cambodia to membership in the United Nations.

My Government accepts the obligations of the Charter and undertakes to fulfil them. Attached hereto, in accordance with rule 58 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, is the formal instrument containing a declaration to that effect.

Cambodia has enjoyed a democratic constitutional regime since 6 May 1947, recovered its independence under the Franco-Cambodian Treaty of 8 November 1949, and is associated with France in the French Union; it is thus in a position to keep that undertaking.

The last National Assembly elections held in 1951, took place calmly in spite of the proximity of the still troubled areas of South-East Asia, and so provide further evidence of the peace-loving and democratic spirit of the people of Cambodia.

Cambodia is fundamentally religious, and has been successively recognized by thirty-two nations. It has diplomatic representatives at Bangkok and

Washington and will shortly be represented in other capitals; the United States, Great Britain, Thailand, Italy and Australia already have representatives accredited to His Majesty the King of Cambodia.

Though not a Member of the United Nations, Cambodia has already been admitted to membership of most of the specialized agencies:

WHO in May 1950

FAO in 1950

UNESCO in December 1950

UPU in 1951

ITU in 1951

The International Union of Official Travel Organizations in 1951.

Cambodia has participated in the work of numerous commissions, conferences and institutions more or less directly responsible to the United Nations Economic and Social Council:

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE), of which Cambodia has been an associate member since 1947,

The United Nations Scientific Conference on the Conservation and Utilization of Resources, Lake Success, 1949,

The Indo-Pacific Fisheries Council since 1949,

The International Commission on Large Dams, July 1950,

The International Railway Congress, 1950,

The International Office of Epizootics, 1951,

The Rubber Study Group, 1951.

Cambodia has also acceded to several international conventions, in particular the Convention for the Suppression of the Illicit Traffic in Dangerous Drugs signed at Geneva on 28 June 1936 and amended by the Protocol signed at Lake Success on 11 December 1946 (accession in 1951), and the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (signature in October 1950).

Thus, to the full extent allowed to a State not yet admitted to membership in the United Nations, Cambodia has co-operated with the various members of the international community in the economic, social and political fields. My

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Government considers that membership of the United Nations would enable Cambodia to contribute more effectively to peace and prosperity in South-East Asia and to play a more direct, albeit modest, part in the great world task undertaken with the proclamation of the Charter at San Francisco.

(Signed)

HUY-KANTHOUL
President of the Council of Ministers
and Minister for Foreign Affairs

DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, President of the Council of Ministers and Minister for Foreign Affairs, being duly authorized thereto by the Cambodian Government, hereby declare, on behalf of the State of Cambodia, that that State unreservedly subscribes to the principles proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations and accepts and undertakes to fulfil all the obligations deriving therefrom.

(Signed)

HUY-KANTHOUL
President of the Council of Ministers
and Minister for Foreign Affairs
