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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM IN THE
AGENDA OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION

RESTORATION OF THE LAWFUL RIGHTS OF THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF
NATIONAL UNION OF CAMBODIA IN THE UNITED NATIONS

Letter dated 8 October 1973 from the representatives of Albania, Algeria, Burundi, the Central African Republic, China, the Congo, Cuba, Dahomey, Democratic Yemen, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, the Gambia, Guinea, Iraq, the Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, the Niger, Romania, Senegal, Somalia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Upper Volta, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire and Zambia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On the instructions of our Governments, we have the honour to request Your Excellency kindly to include in the agenda of the twenty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly the question entitled "Restoration of the lawful rights of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia in the United Nations" as a question of an urgent character.

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, we have the honour to enclose the explanatory memorandum as well as the text of a draft resolution.

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. The request to include in the agenda of the twenty-eighth session of the General Assembly the item entitled "Restoration of the lawful rights of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia in the United Nations" is based on the necessity to remedy, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter, the situation created in the United Nations concerning the representation of Cambodia. The Governments signatories of the letter consider the recognition of the lawful rights of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia in the United Nations to be an urgent question.

2. The Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia is the sole lawful Government of Cambodia and should represent the State of Cambodia and its people in international relations, including the United Nations. In March 1970, under the instigation of foreign forces, the Lon Nol group staged a coup d'état by rebellion, which deprived the lawful Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia, in contravention of the provisions of the Charter, of its inalienable right to represent the State of Cambodia in the United Nations. The people of Cambodia launched a resolute struggle to regain their freedom, independence and national rights. The Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia was established by the National United Front of Cambodia, which rallies all the broad strata and patriotic political forces of the Cambodian people, expressing the profound aspirations of the Cambodian people. The Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia exercises control over nine tenths of the national territory and enjoys the support of the Cambodian people. In the liberated areas of Cambodia, comprising over 80 per cent of the population of the country, the lawful power of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia has now been established at all administrative levels, from the villages to the provinces, on the basis of free and democratic elections.

3. The Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia consistently pursues the policy of maintaining national independence, peace, non-alignment and friendship with all countries. It has constantly broadened its relations and international activities. The Fourth Conference of the Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held in Algiers in September this year, in which the great majority of States Members of the United Nations participated, declared that the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, presided over by the Head of State, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, is the sole lawful Government of Cambodia and called upon the non-aligned and all the other countries to recognize that Government. The Conference pledged its firm support to the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia in its struggle to realize its legitimate right to represent Cambodia in the United Nations and in other international organizations.

4. The Lon Nol group, which maintains only a tiny portion of the country thanks to the foreign intervention, has illegally occupied the seat of Cambodia in the United Nations.

5. Our Governments consider that the United Nations has the duty to restore the legitimate rights of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia in this Organization and all its related bodies while expelling at the same time the representatives of the Lon Nol group.

6. Our Governments are convinced that the inscription on the agenda of the current session of the General Assembly of the question "Restoration of the lawful rights of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia in the United Nations" and the decision to expel the Lon Nol group will redress a great injustice with regard to a sovereign country and will contribute to the enhancement of the role and prestige of the United Nations.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

The General Assembly,

Recalling the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing that the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, presided over by the Head of State, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, is the sole lawful representative of the Cambodian people and of State of Cambodia,

Considering that the restoration of the lawful rights of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia is in accordance with the purposes and provisions of the Charter,

Decides to restore the lawful rights of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia in the United Nations, recognizing its representatives as the sole lawful representatives of Cambodia, and to expel the representatives of the Lon Nol group from the seat they illegally occupy in the United Nations and in all its related bodies.
