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**Report of H.E. Chhay Than, Senior Minister, Minister
of Planning,
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Chairman of Census Technical Committee
On the occasion of the 3rd NCC Meeting
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Respected :

- H.E. Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior, Chairman of National Census Committee
- Excellencies Members of the National Census Committee
- Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of members of National Census Committee and on behalf of Ministry of Planning as well as UNFPA and JICA, I would like to thank deeply H.E Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior and Chairman of NCC for spending busy time to chair this 3rd Meeting of NCC. As Chairman of Census Technical Committee, I would like to report on the activities implemented for the preparations of population census as follows:

The National Census Committees have had 2 meetings so far, the first one approved the Census Technical Committee, the work plan and others preparatory activities for the Census. The second NCC Meeting discussed on resources mobilization and means of transportation as well as approved on the logo of the census and the establishment of Committee of Census Campaign for advocacy of the Census among population so that we could obtain good cooperation in the census. The National Census Committee made the request to the leaders of the Royal Government and got the approval from the Government budget of 746, 758 US\$.

The Census Technical Committee actively fulfilled its work as coordinator with development partners and resolved big technical issues arising from the preparatory phase of the Census. As of June 2007 the Census Technical Committee have had 6 meetings especially to solve the issues relating to coordination works, the funding of the census, mapping, data processing, selection of software, training of staff, pilot census, approval of census questionnaire, census campaign and other preparatory activities.

The announcement of provincial census committees took place on 5 April 2007 under the chairmanship of Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior, Chairman of National Census Committee. Since we are approaching the census date, the announcement of provincial census committees facilitated the organization of the census, the coordination of the census activities, the management of necessary human resources and materials, and training of census personnel suitably.

Up to June 2007, the census technical staffs have achieved the following:

I- Mapping activities

The major activities of the census are the mapping activities. Without mapping of EA we can not do the census enumeration. For e mapping activities, the technical staffs have already completed 18 provinces and are going to complete another 6 provinces namely Siem Reap, Kampong Cham, Kampong Speu, Kandal, Phnom Penh and Pailin. It is important to note that in the population census 2008, we are using new IT technology i.e. digitized maps drawn by computers in order to, at the final stage, disseminate the results of population census in a modern way as well as used as frame for future surveys. In order to obtain the good census mapping the technical requirement is to stop provisionally the changes the names of villages, communes as well as boundaries from July 2007 to May 2008.

II- Census questionnaires and manuals

2-1- Census questionnaires

The census questionnaires have been approved by the Census Technical Committee and have been used in the pilot census on 20 EAs of provinces Battambang, Kampong Chhnang, Kampot, Svay Rieng and Kratie.

2-2- Census questionnaires and manuals ready for the printing:

- Enumerator's manuals: 40,000 copies
- Supervisor's manuals: 10,000 copies
- Training manuals: 1,000 copies
- Roles and functions of census field staff 10,000copies
- Questionnaires (Form A) 34,000copies
- Questionnaires (Form B) 3,000,000 copies

and related forms.

III- Training of census staff

The census adviser had a mission of 3 weeks and trained:

- 21 seniors MOP officers for one day on 3 April 2007
- 124 regional officers and assistant regional officers/ trainers of trainings for one week from 19 to 23 March 2007.
- 48 provincial officers for one week from 5 April to 9 April 2007.

IV- Pilot Census

The pilot census was conducted in March 2007 for testing on:

1. Questionnaires
2. Mapping already done
3. New staffs without experiences on the census

By the pilot census we observed some mistakes in the mapping, but we resolved the issue, corrected it inform the staffs involved in the census mapping. In particular, the capacity of staffs without experiences in the census before is limited but after training, these staffs understand and can do the pilot census with acceptable results.

V- Census publicity

By the decision to establish the Census Technical Committee on 28 December 2006, the census technical staffs has prepared the names of the Census publicity Campaign from various line ministries and institutions and this Committee has the first meeting on 6 April 2007. After this the technical staffs have had the meeting with the technical staffs of TVK to prepare the census spot on 01 May 2007. Due to the budget limitation the meeting of technical staff decided to prepare a number of spots, interviews round table discussions. The works of this census publicity has reduced compared to 1998.

VI- Establishment of census infrastructure

The new NIS building known as Statistics Center for the census has reached 4 storages and the remaining 2 storages are under construction and the construction works are expected to finished end December 2007 by the Counter part Funds of Japan.

By the Government budget 30 motorcycles were distributed to all provinces and municipalities and used by central office and the procurement of 30 cars are expected to be finished in October 2007.

UNFPA and JICA are coordinating to procure 100 computers in 2007.

VII- Plan of Activities in the future

- Finalize the instructions for defense personnel
- Finalization of delineation of EAs
- Preparation of tabulation and data processing plan
- Finalize instructions for provinces census Officers on census charge register, list of villages with boat population,
- Request provincial staff to provide training centers at district headquarters, list of enumerators/ supervisors available for census
- Verification of the list of villages whether there is changes
- Recruitment of enumerators: 30,360 staffs
- Recruitment of supervisors: 7,590 staffs
- Finalize the documents (questionnaires and related documents) for printing including materials for census publicity campaign.

All above are the activities in the preparatory phase for the census and the work plan for the future which will be the implementation under Census Technical Committee. In general, the preparation of the census is going well to achieve the success of the census. I am submitting the report to H.E. Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior, Chairman of the National Census Committee.

Thank You