

Press Releases: Extension of Pre-Trial Detention for Members of ADHOC in Cambodia

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The United States supports the statements issued by the European Union and the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights regarding the extension of the pre-trial detention of Lim Mony, Nay Vanda, Ny Sokha, and Yi Soksan, members of the respected Cambodian non-governmental organization ADHOC, as well as that of former member Ny Chakrya. The five have been held in prison without trial for more than a year.

We note with concern reports the impact this prolonged detention is having on the families of the imprisoned and the unreasonable delay in proceeding to trial. We also note the views expressed by the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention in November 2016 that the detention of these five human rights defenders is arbitrary. The United States encourages the Government of Cambodia to consider carefully these recommendations and respect its relevant international human rights obligations.

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