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The Royal Embassy of Cambodia in Washington, D.C. presents its compliments to the United States Department of Labor and has the honor to request the latter to kindly forward to its destinations the enclosed copy of the letter of **H.E. Mrs. Prak Chantha**, Secretary of State to the Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training of the Kingdom of Cambodia, No. 335 M.L.V.T. dated 05 April 2010.

The Embassy would be highly appreciated if the US Department of Labor could kindly transmit the said letter to its destination.

The Royal Embassy of Cambodia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United States Department of Labor the assurances of its highest consideration.

Washington DC, 08 April 2010

**United States Department of Labor**  
**Washington, DC**





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N°: 335 M.L.V.T

Phnom Penh, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2010

*Attention To*

**Mr. Kevin Willcutts**

Deputy Director

Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor and Human Trafficking

US Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210

**Subject :** Response to Requested Information on Child Labor, Forced Labor and Forced or Indentured Child Labor in the Production of Goods in Foreign Countries and Efforts by the Royal Government of Cambodia to Eliminate the Worst Forms of Child Labor.

Dear Mr. Willcutts,

The Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training of the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) presents its complement and has the honor to inform you that Cambodia has committed to combat the child labor and other forms of labor exploitation in order to serve the best interest of children, and to sustain the economic development of the country.

Cambodia is one of the International Labor Organization (ILO) Member States which are strongly committed to eliminate the Worst Forms of Child Labor (WFCL) and other forms of labor exploitation, and one of the countries in the region building a solid legal framework and enforcement, and child labor related policies such as ratification of all ILO core conventions and UNCRC, national policies related to child labor and forced labor, National Plan of Actions on the Elimination of the WFCL (2008-2012), and other circulations on child labor. In addition, the country has constituted an institutional mechanism and structure to directly intervene from national to grass-root levels for the actions of the elimination of the WFCL, and to strengthen the collaboration with the agencies funded by the US Department of Labor such as ILO IPEC, ILO BFC, Winrock International, and other civil society networks to accelerate the process of reducing the WFCL to 8% in 2015 and to create an enabling environment towards ending the WFCL.

Once again, the Ministry has the honor to inform that given the political will of the RGC, official and institutional capacity buildings, and overwhelming participation by publics and stakeholders in the process of the elimination of the WFCL, forced labor and other labor exploitations, the WFCL, forced labor and forced or indentured child labor in the formal economic

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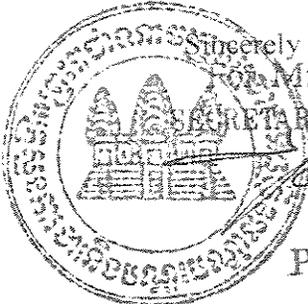
sectors, and particularly the production of goods internationally are not found. Moreover, the RGC continues to fight against all forms of child labor in few informal economic sectors such as child labor in subsistence agriculture and fishing and urban child labor to reach the target of Cambodian Millennium Development Goal to ensure that the children are well protected and living in the harmonizing conditions.

As the result of implementing action programmes collaborated between the Ministry and ILO IPEC TBP of the first phase (2005-2008), 220,000 WFCL were withdrawn, prevented and re-integrated into the society through the provision of education, vocational training and other likelihood opportunity. At the same time, 3100 families of the WFCL were capacitated the micro-credit training scheme and job creation.

It is further collaborated with Winrock International and the Phase II of ILO IPEC TBP from 2008 to 2012 to ensure and increase the capacity of the Ministry to eliminate the 200.000 WFCL. The project will be greater and larger scope, and more holly-approached than the first phase to ensure its sustainability and strategy. The Ministry has also been working with the ILO BFC to ensure that the children below minimum age or forced/indentured child labour are not placed to work in the establishment or other formal economic sectors. It is again maintained the reputation of Cambodian Working Condition and the assurance of free-child labour in the garment sectors.

The Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training of the Royal Government of Cambodia would like to appreciate the tremendous collaboration on the requested information. Therefore, it is looking forwards to seeing the progresses made by our tight of cooperation.

Please accept, Dear sir, the assurances of my highest consideration. *P.W.*

Sincerely yours,  
Minister  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
  
PRAK CHANTHA