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On the launch of the 2022 CEDAW Monitoring Report for Cambodia, civil society calls on the Royal Government of Cambodia to take concrete measures to further implement the UN CEDAW Committee's recommendations

The undersigned national and international NGOs, associations, and unions call upon the Royal Government of Cambodia taking specific steps to further improve women's human rights in Cambodia.

The Cambodian NGO Committee on CEDAW (NGO-CEDAW), together with civil society partners, are today releasing the **2022 CEDAW Monitoring Report**, which highlights achievements and challenges related to implementing the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

The 2022 CEDAW Monitoring Report also features a progress report on steps taken by the Cambodian government to implement the CEDAW Committee's recommendations, following its 2019 review of Cambodia's implementation of the Convention.

In light of the findings from our monitoring and research, we call on the government to take the following concrete steps towards implementing CEDAW:

1. Implement the CEDAW Committee's 2013 recommendation to ensure that cases of violence against women are "effectively prosecuted and not systematically diverted to mediation." This requires ending the practice of using reconciliation entirely and to make the standard practice the referral of cases to court rather than to any form of alternative dispute resolution.
2. Implement the CEDAW Committee's 2019 recommendation to reform the law to clearly criminalize all forms of domestic violence and provide effective access to justice and remedies.
3. Amend laws and policies on national and local elections to establish the sandwich system of alternately listing candidates of different genders, and to ensure gender parity (50% women) in all government leadership positions.
4. Introduce gender training for all teachers, and gender equality teaching within school curricula.
5. Act to prevent and eliminate all harassment, violence, and other forms of gender-based discrimination in the world of work, including in the media sector, by adopting strong national policies, and by ratifying ILO Convention No. 190 without further delay.

6. Expand access to quality reproductive healthcare and include comprehensive sex education in school curricula.

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