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- Excellencies and Lokchumteav top management of the NAA
- Excellencies and Lokchumteav chairpersons of AIDS Committee in the Ministries, State Secretariat, Cambodian Red Cross, municipality and provinces
- Excellencies, Lokchumteav, ladies and gentlemen from AIDS General Secretariat
- Excellencies and Lokchumteav chairpersons of AIDS Secretariat in the Ministries, State Secretariat, Cambodian Red Cross, municipality and provinces
- Ladies, gentlemen, national and international participants of the assembly

First of all, once again, I would like to express my pleasure to preside over the “2014 Annual Assembly of the NAA” held today.

On behalf of the NAA top management and I myself, I would like to express my warm welcome and thankfulness to Excellencies, Lokchumteav, ladies and gentlemen for further participating in this annual assembly of the NAA after the plenary meeting was held yesterday.

I would like to tell you all that nearly a whole of year of 2014, the NAA have performed and achieved significant tasks as follows:

- 1) Jointly organized South and East Asia Regional Workshop on the New Funding Model of the Global Fund with the participation of 300 people from 20 countries and development partners – UNAIDS, WHO and UNDP, as well as representatives from relevant ministries of the Royal Government of Cambodia. We have received appreciation and thankfulness from the Global Fund for our participation as co-host and making the workshop a successful one. We have facilitated in security and visa application especially the delegates who were difficult to get their visa such as those from Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. We also helped in receiving

the participants on the arrival at the airport, organized classical dance performed by troupes from the University of Fine Arts of the Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts and performers from MSM & TG.

- 2) In the 20th International Conference on AIDS in Melbourne, Australia with participation of delegates around 13,600 people from 200 countries aimed to share experiences in the fight against AIDS, listen to the progress or challenges in AIDS treatment, build cooperation network around the world in the fight against AIDS. Cambodia has gained congratulation and praised from the participants, especially from Prof. Sharon Lewin Co-Chair of the 20th International Conference on AIDS on the success that we have made in the fight against AIDS. From the conference, there were appeals from donors to increase funding in AIDS programs around the world and stressed that AIDS treatment has to be done along with the treatment of other diseases such as TB, malaria as well as hepatitis. The main points of the conference were as follows:
 - a. Appeal to donors to further fund in the fight against AIDS.
 - b. Appeal not to adopt law on making prostitution a criminal case.
 - c. Appeal not to discriminate against gay, lesbian and TG.
 - d. Appeal to further do research to cure AIDS.
- 3) In the mission to explore the current situation and monitor the state of the epidemic at local level, we went to Oddor Meanchey, Preah Vihear, Stoeung Treng in March and Takeo and Preah Sihanouk provinces in September and October. There, we understood about treatment, care and social affairs which help to support AIDS patients from officials of the Ministry of Health, civil society and authorities at sub-national level. We have also met people living with AIDS who received treatment service and those who were outside the system. From personal experience, we could conclude that we need further cooperation in the fight against AIDS to make it an effective one.

Excellencies, Lokchumteav, Ladies and Gentlemen

In the context of the decreasing of international assistance, we have requested to the Royal Government to increase the budget for the NAA and contribute in purchasing ARV drugs required by the Global Fund for if there is no government contribution the submission for funding from the Global Fund is at risk or reject. We requested the Royal Government to increase the budget of 2015 the amount of 1 million dollars, 2016 at 1.2 million dollars and 2017 at 1.5 million dollars. We hope that we will receive positive response in the near future.

Preparing in the decrease of funding from the Global Fund, we are studying the possibility of approaching financial resources from other sources by bringing this point to discuss with relevant responsible ministries such as the Ministry of Economy and Finance, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Planning and the Council for Development of Cambodia.

Our main strategic objective will be: further implement the 7-point policy in the fight against AIDS by working harder in implementing the fight against AIDS at local level through Village-Commune Safety Policy in identifying the areas where AIDS are severely affected especially in entertainment service and we need to carefully look at the second wave that can be emerge among youth, workers and migrants.

These are the main points that I would like to raise adding to what I told you in our plenary meeting yesterday. Now, I would like to give the opportunity to Excellencies, Lokchumteav, representatives of the AIDS Committee from the municipality and provinces to deliver their presentations on achievement or progress that have been made in the municipality or province of Your Excellencies, Lokchumteav to make all of us understand.

I would like to declare the Opening of the 2014 Annual Assembly of the NAA from now on.

Thanks.