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Statement

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General Assembly

Agenda Item 136:

Proposed Programme Budget for the Biennium 2018-2019:

Request for a subvention to the Extraordinary Chambers in the

Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)

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Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. At the outset, my delegation would like to congratulate you for assuming the Chairmanship of the Fifth Committee for the current session of the UN General Assembly.
2. Cambodia aligns itself with the statements made by the distinguished representatives of the Group of 77 and China, and ASEAN respectively, under agenda item 136.
3. I wish to sincerely thank the UN Secretary-General for his Report: A/72/341 dated 16 August 2017 entitled *Request for a subvention to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)*, in which he seeks General Assembly's approval for an appropriation for a subvention for the international component of the ECCC amounting to US\$ 10.4 million for 2018 to facilitate the smooth flow of the work in the Courts.
4. Under agenda item 136 entitled *Proposed Programme Budget for the Biennium 2018-2019*, on behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia and the ECCC, I wish to inform that "The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) has been increasing its in-cash and in-kind contributions to the ECCC since 2013 and has consistently supported requests for subvention limited to the international component since 2014.
5. Taking into account the importance of the judicial work being done by the ECCC, I am pleased to confirm that the RGC supports the UNSG request to the General Assembly to provide the subvention to the ECCC international component for 2018.
6. The RGC will maintain the same commitment of direct contribution as made previously for the last three consecutive years by providing the fully operational costs and the payment of first six months of national staff salaries. As for the payment of other six-month salaries, the RGC looks forward to receiving the continued support from the United

Nations in the efforts to raise fund from other donors in order to secure the full funding of the national component in 2018.”

7. In conclusion, while expressing our sincere gratitude to the EU, Principle Donor Group and all the Members of the Group of Interested for their generous and continuous support to the ECCC, the Royal Government of Cambodia is committed to work closely with the United Nations and all stakeholders to ensure that the ECCC will complete the remaining work as targeted.

I thank you.
