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## U.S. Support for the Khmer Rouge is returning the killing fields to Cambodia.

### The memories are haunting.

Piles of skulls; sightless eyes turned skyward; forced labor camps; a once-bountiful and beautiful country first destroyed by B-52 bombers and then ravaged in an effort to turn back history.

By the end of Pol Pot's 3-year reign in 1979, Cambodia had become a vast killing field. His fanatical Khmer Rouge tortured, shot, starved, or hacked to death more than one million Cambodians, a slaughter that was halted only by a Vietnamese intervention at the end of that year.

After its defeat, the demoralized Khmer Rouge army stumbled into Thailand. It was at this point that Western and ASEAN countries, led by the United States and China, decided to rebuild the Khmer Rouge as a political and military force in order to prevent the stabilization of Cambodia's new government.

Incredibly, the United Nations went along with this scheme, allowing its relief operations to feed and shelter the Khmer Rouge and even seating Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge (and later, the Khmer Rouge-dominated Coalition, now called the "National Government of Cambodia") as the legitimate representative of Cambodia at the U.N.!

These and other channels of aid, primarily from the U.S., Thailand and China, have succeeded in sustaining the tens of thousands of troops of the Khmer Rouge and its military allies. In the border camps in Thailand, some 300,000 Cambodians live as virtual prisoners,

denied refugee status but unable to go home. Many thousands of them, including children are pressed into military service by the Khmer Rouge army and their allies.

**Now the U.S. government, with the full knowledge that the Khmer Rouge committed genocide against their own people, is still proposing that they be invited to participate in a political solution to the civil war in Cambodia.**

The Nazis were not invited to participate in a German "settlement" after the Second World War. They were not guaranteed a seat at the conference table, nor the right to participate in "free and fair" elections.

Why is our government insisting that the Khmer Rouge be included in a negotiated Cambodian settlement? Why did it first help create the Coalition grouping that they lead? Why did it then continue to supply this Khmer Rouge/Sihanouk/Son Sann Coalition with military, paramilitary, diplomatic support? The answer is that big-power geopolitical considerations of the U.S. and China have taken precedence over the neutrality, independence, welfare, and even lives of the Cambodian people.

**It is time for U.S. citizens to speak out again before Cambodia experiences another catastrophe. The Campaign to Oppose the Return of the Khmer Rouge needs your support now to reverse our government's policy toward Cambodia. Please use the attached coupon and join us!**

## Statement of Principles

**W**e believe that the Cambodian people have a right to self-determination and to a free, neutral, and independent Cambodia. The Cambodian people must decide their own future. However, we also believe that as a perpetrator of genocide against the Cambodian people, the Khmer Rouge has no moral right to a place in the future of Cambodia.

We therefore believe that the policy of the United States Government should support a settlement of the Cambodian crisis based on the exclusion of the Khmer Rouge as a political/military entity.

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*In order to accomplish these goals, the Campaign to Oppose the Return of the Khmer Rouge urges the United States government to:*

- 1 Seek to exclude the "National Government of Cambodia" (NGC)—dominated by the Khmer Rouge—from the United Nations and to leave Cambodia's seat empty pending a negotiated settlement and/or free and fair elections.**
- 2 End U.S. diplomatic support** and de-facto recognition of this or any coalition which includes the Khmer Rouge.
- 3 Stop U.S. military aid**, both lethal and non-lethal, to any Cambodian faction which insists on including the Khmer Rouge in a political settlement.
- 4 Support a cease-fire** by all sides and call for an end to all military aid to all parties.



- 5 Prevent continued abuse of U.S. humanitarian aid** to the Thai-Cambodian border camps as a political or military tool by the Khmer Rouge or their allies.
- 6 Press the United Nations** to provide all Cambodians in border camps with official refugee status, with proper United Nations protection, and with the free choice of relocating to a neutral site while awaiting the opportunity for safe repatriation or the opportunity for safe repatriation or resettlement abroad.
- 7 Use U.S. diplomatic influence with China** to urge termination of all Chinese aid to the Khmer Rouge.
- 8 Support Thailand's initiative for a zone of peace** in Indochina and use U.S. influence with Thailand to end Thai collaboration with and support for the Khmer Rouge military in Cambodia.
- 9 Remove the current U.S. aid and trade embargoes** on Cambodia so that urgently needed relief, reconstruction and development assistance can reach the Cambodian people.
- 10 Encourage and support international efforts** to bring to justice Pol Pot and the major Khmer Rouge leaders for the crime of genocide in keeping with obligations incumbent on the U.S. as a signatory of the Genocide Convention.

## Time is on the side of the Khmer Rouge!

### Your help is needed NOW!

Become a part of this urgent national Campaign to change U.S. policies away from support for the Khmer Rouge and toward support for the Cambodian people. You and others can help the Campaign.

### The threat of renewed genocide is REAL!

- Express your opposition to the U.S. Administration's policies which sustain the Khmer Rouge.
- Show "**Cambodia: Year Ten**" or other videos that are available from us. Get your local TV or cable to air these films.
- Start your own local committee or ask your church, union or association to actively support the Campaign.

### Pressure Congress & the Administration.

- Write and lobby your Members of Congress. Ask them to oppose all U.S. support for the Khmer Rouge-led Coalition, including covert or indirect aid.
- Work with key Members of Congress to write and support specific legislation.

### Alert your local media.

- Call or write editors and newscasters urging full and accurate coverage of Cambodian issues.
- Keep your local media informed of the current situation in Cambodia through timely press releases, resource promotion, op-eds and other means.

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