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**Royal Decree (Preah Reach Kret)  
On  
Creation of Cambodian National Council for Women**

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We, Preah Bat Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk, the King of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

- Having seen the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia;
- Having seen the Royal Decree (Preah Reach Kret) SN/Roy. Kr/1198/72, dated 30 November 1998, on the Appointment of the Royal Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia;
- Having seen Preah Reach Kram flaw) N° 02/SN/94, dated 20 July 1994 which promulgates the Law on Organization and Functioning of the Council of Ministers;
- Having seen Preah Reach Kram (aw) N° SN/Roy. Kr/0999/10, dated 18 September 1999 which promulgates the Law on Creation of Ministry of Women's and Veterans' Affairs;
- Having seen the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women which Cambodia ratified on 22 September 1992;
- Following the proposal of Samdech the Prime Minister and upon the approval of the Council of Ministers during the plenary session on 9 February 2001.

Orders:

Chapter I

General Provisions

**Article 1**

This Royal Decree (Preah Reach Kret) determines the creation of Cambodian National Council for Women, abbreviated as "CNCW". CNCVV is the mechanism for coordinating and providing opinion to the Royal government on matters relating to upgrading the status and roles of women and social welfare of Cambodian women aiming at reducing and stepping up toward elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against women.

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## **Chapter II Composition**

### **Article 2**

CNCW composes of the following:

1- Her Majesty the Queen	Honorary President
2- Prime Minister	Honorary Vice-President
3- Minister of Women's and Veterans' Affairs	President
4- Secretary of State for Interior	One (1) Vice-President
5- Secretary of State for Justice	One (1) Vice-President
6- Secretary of State for Women's and Veterans' Affairs	One (1) member
7- Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation	One (1) member
8- Secretary of State for Economics and Finance	One (1) member
9- Secretary of State for Social Affairs, Labor, Vocational Training, and Youth Rehabilitation	One (1) member
10- Deputy General Secretary of the Royal Government	One (1) member
11- Secretary of State for Education, Youth and Sport	One (1) member
12- Secretary of State for Rural Development	One (1) member
13- Secretary of State for Culture and Fine Art	One (1) member
14- Secretary of State for Health	One (1) member
15- Secretary of State for Tourism	One (1) member
16- Secretary of State for Information	One (1) member
17- Secretary of State for Planning	One (1) member
18- Deputy President of Cambodian Human Rights Commission	One (1) member
19- General Secretary of Cambodian National Council for Children	One (1) member

### **Article 3**

CNCW is authorized to additionally contact with institutions, ministries, civil society Organizations, International Organizations, donor countries that are not mentioned in this composition, at its discretion in order to participate in the meeting, provide opinion or acting as observer following the invitation of CNCW.

## **Chapter III Duties, Structures and Functioning of CNCW**

### **Article 4**

CNCW has duties as follows:

- Assisting the Royal Government to coordinate, follow up, evaluate the implementation and provide recommendation in the purpose of supporting and promoting the implementation of policy, laws, orders, and measures relating to the upgrading of status, roles, and social welfare of Cambodian Women.

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- Assisting the Royal Government in following up the implementation of international treaties concerning the rights of women and promote the implementation of the Law on Suppression of Abduction, Human Trafficking and Exploitation of Human beings, and on the provisions of laws concerning the status of women in order to provide recommendation or to propose the amendment according to the actual case to enhance the status of women.
- Examine and provide opinion on national reports relating to the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and on the status of women to the Royal Government for decision and for submission to the United Nations.
- Prepare the annual reports on activities performed by Cambodian National Council for Women, for submission to the Royal Government.
- Examine and decide on the Internal Regulation of CNCW.
- Undertake other duties following the proposals of the Royal Government.

**Article 5**

CNCW composes of:

The permanent General Secretariat located in the Ministry of Women's and Veterans' Affairs.

The General Secretariat directed by one Secretary General who has the rank equivalent to the Under Secretary of State, two Deputy General Secretaries and a number of immediate permanent staff who are the existing staff of the Ministry of Women's and Veterans' Affairs, The General Secretary shall be appointed by the Royal Decree (Preah Reach kret) following the proposal of the Royal Government.

**Article 6**

CNCW may:

- Create a specialized Sub-Commission composes of both sexes who are officials in the existing framework as assistants to perform, as required, the duties set forth in the Article 4 of this Royal Decree;
- have a number of national and international Advisors as experts to assist CNCW and General Secretariat.

**Article 7**

CNCW shall conduct ordinary meeting quarterly, in case of necessary, CNCW may convene an extraordinary meeting under the chairmanship of the Minister of Women's and Veterans' Affairs.

Once a year, CNCW shall wrap up reports for the meeting of CNCW, under the chairmanship of Her Majesty the Queen, as Honorary President and Samdech Prime Minister, as Honorary Vice-President, concerning the results of implementation of the working program that has been coordinated and recommendation must be laid out by the CNCW.

**Article 8**

The CNCW has its internal regulation and separate seal.

**Chapter IV  
Budget**

Article 9

CNCW has its separate budget within the annex budget of the Ministry of Women's and Veterans' Affairs. This budget has two capital sources:

- National Budget
- Financial assistance from International Organizations, donor countries, national and international charitable persons.

**Chapter V  
Final Provisions**

Article 10

Any provision, which is contrary to this Royal Decree (Preah Reach Kret) shall be abrogated.

Article 11

The Prime Minister of the Royal Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia shall be in charge of implementing this Royal Decree (Preah Reach Kret) as from the date of this signature.

Phnom Penh, dated 14 February 2001

Royal signature:  
Norodom Sihanouk

Having submitted to the King for  
Royal Signature  
Prime Minister  
Signature:  
Hun Sen

Having submitted to:

Samdech the Prime Minister for signature:  
Minister of Women's and Veterans' Affairs  
Signature:  
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Phnom Penh, dated 14 February 2001  
General Secretary of the Royal Government  
Signed by: Nady Tan