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**CAMBODIA - KAMPUCHEA - RESIGNATION OF PRINCE SIHANOUK
FROM THE PRESIDENCY OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA**

In a hand written declaration on Saturday 30 January 1988 issued in Beijing and distributed to journalists and press correspondents based in the Chinese capital, Prince Norodom Sihanouk announced his resignation from the presidency of Democratic Kampuchea as from 30 January 1988. In the declaration the Prince gave the reasons for his resignation and the designation of Prince Norodom Ranariddh, his Personal Representative and Commander-in-Chief of ANS as his replacement within the CGDK.

The following is an unofficial translation of the Prince declaration:

"Since the formation in June 1982 of the CGDK (Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea), the KPNLF of Mr. Son Sann, a full member of the CGDK, has never ceased to show itself extremely hostile toward me, toward my army (ANS) and toward my Party (FUNCINPEC) which the KPNLF itself and some "sponsors" of the CGDK have even refused to "officially acknowledge".

The KPNLF and its leaders have never ceased to discredit me with all means. And since I decided to have talks with Mr. Hun Sen, "President of the Council of Ministers" of the Phnom Penh regime, in order to try to save my people, so unhappy, and my country, so unfortunate and humiliated, and to find an equitable solution to the tragic and bloody "problem of Kampuchea", the KPNLF and its President have not hesitated to unjustly accuse me of a "national treason" by "playing the games of the Vietnamese colonialists".

Now, after deep thoughts and many sleepless nights, I reach the conclusion that it is not possible any longer for me to maintain myself within the "tripartite coalition" of Democratic Kampuchea.

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