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The Spokesman's Office of the Office of the Council of Ministers wishes to convey the comments made by Cambodia's Prime Minister Hun Sen, upon his return from Japan, told reporters on Sunday, November 08, 2009, at the Phnom Penh International Airport as the followings:

- 1) Cambodia to completely pull out within one week from now its paratroopers of Brigade 911 from the Cambodia-Thailand border near the Temple of Preah Vihear, which shows the situation at the border remains at peace. The Royal Government of Cambodia's position is to maintain bilateral cooperation and peace for the mutual benefits of the two peoples.
- 2) The Royal Government of Cambodia wishes to inform national and international businessmen that, Cambodia will not take any initiative step to seal off its border with Thailand unless Thailand will do so.
- 3) Regarding the concerns raised by the Secretary-General, Surin Pitsuwan, of ASEAN, on November 6, 2009 in which he urged Cambodia and Thailand "to exercise maximum restraint" and called the foreign ministers of other ASEAN member countries to assist the two nations in settling their bilateral dispute amicably and as soon as possible, Prime Minister Hun Sen said "Cambodia welcomes the initiative move raised by the ASEAN's Secretary-General, but the complex issues must be solved in package."

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