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STATEMENT

Referring to an interview by Abhisit Vejjajiva, Prime Minister of Thailand, with ASTV Manager Online on December 16, 2009, he said “If Cambodia had tapped the telephone conversations between Sivarak and Kamrob, Cambodia then should clarify this case because this would affect the country’s image within the international sight.”

The Spokesman’s Office of the Royal Government of Cambodia categorically rejects the baseless statement made by Abhisit Vejjajiva, Prime Minister of Thailand, and would like to make the clarification to the national and international public opinions as follows:

1. The Royal Government of Cambodia always sticks to its obligations in the strengthening and the carrying out of the spirit of rule of law as well as the protection of rights and dignity of humanity by ensuring the individual privacy of telephone conversation.
2. The head of the Royal Government of Cambodia has received the records in the bills, which were provided by a private telephone company, concerning the data of conversation between Sivarak Chutipong, CATS engineer, and Kamrob Palawatwichai, First Secretary of Thai Embassy in Phnom Penh after the happening of the event, and this is the normal practice of private company which needs the recorded data for the payment of the bill only.
3. The Royal Government of Cambodia has taken unwavering position in respecting and promoting the investment laws by facilitating and providing the business self-determination to investors.

These prove that there was no reason whatsoever that Cambodia has tapped the telephone conversations between Sivarak and Komrob at all. Cambodia has no habitude of acting against the law and the telephone tapping has never been the practice of Cambodia and it has never done anything which would affect any of its principles.

Therefore, what Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva had stated in his interview was simply a dream and an individual assumption that he would obtain political gain and to hide his weakness in evading his responsibility only. On the other hand, this statement can be seen as an intention of misleading national and international public opinions that Cambodia does not abide by the law, which in fact is contrary to the tendency of the Kingdom of Cambodia which has promoted and strengthened the rule of law.

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