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Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge your most cordial letter, inviting me to the celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia, to be held on 6th October 2023 at the Diamond Island Conference Hall in Phnom Penh, Cambodia

I would have liked to participate in the celebration with great pleasure in the presence of all national and international dignitaries, where King Norodom Sihamoni and the President of the Constitutional Council of Cambodia will be speaking. It is my profound regret that I will not be able to participate in the ceremony because of my physical frailty. I wish to express my fervent hope and every confidence that the ceremony will be conducted with great dignity and success.

As the Head of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) in 1992-1993, I made every endeavour possible to lead to the final adoption of the new Constitution for Cambodia. Today I join all the Cambodian and non-Cambodian people to celebrate together the 30th Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

I take the liberty to recall remarks I made at a seminar on constitutions held in Cambodia on 2 February 1993 that the Cambodian people, reflecting on their tragic past of the country, were fully capable to make the best constitution conceivable in the world based on their own history and tradition, with their sweat and tears, and any other problems on the way.

Please accept, Your Excellency, my fervent wish for the happiness, wellbeing and the independence of the Kingdom of Cambodia, with its King, its leaders and its people.



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