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The Constitutional Council N° 05/04CCI

Phnom Penh, April 07, 2004

To their Excellencies the Members of the National Assembly (18 members)

Subject: Request for interpretation of some Articles of the Constitution **Reference:** Your letter of March 19, 2004

The Constitutional Council has received your request as specified in the abovementioned subject and reference but has noticed that it is not merely a request for interpretation, it contains accusation of the Constitutional Council as stated "We have rearranged our request in the expectation that this time the Constitutional Council will not raise any ground to avoid interpreting the Articles of the Constitution...."

Such an accusation is the contempt of the Constitutional Council which is the Supreme Institution. The Constitutional Council cannot accept such an accusation because it has never raised any deceptive pretext to decline your request. The legal flaw is unlawful making your request inadmissible. The Constitutional Council cannot act and has never acted beyond the limit prescribed by the laws.

Because your request is not merely a request for interpretation of the Constitution, the Constitutional Council has to send it back to you.

For the Constitutional Council The President

Signed and Sealed

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