

the technical advice of 3 French police. The program has three elements: support to the criminal investigation police, to the protection of Angkor Wat, and to public security (including the creation of motorcycle squads, immigration police, criminal records division etc);

- judicial cooperation, a program of 19.9 mn francs since 1992, including the technical advice of one French magistrate. The program is wide-ranging, including supporting consultancies to provide vocational training, grants to legal professionals to study in France, assistance with legislative drafting, production and distribution of legal texts and jurisprudence, and an agreement with the Lyon Bar to provide training for lawyers.

- legal education, a program of 9.3 mn francs since 1992 which has helped create a Faculty of Law from the pre-existing technical school for administrative and juridical executives. The first class graduated in December 1997. The University of Lyons provides technical support.

Australia (AusAid) began in 1997 a three-year program (budgeted at \$12.6mn Aus) to improve respect for human rights standards for those who come into contact with the criminal justice system (ie, police, courts, prisons). The first phase, now almost complete, involved helping to codify laws, rules and procedures so that there would be a coherent criminal framework which officials and the public could refer to and understand. The second phase, to begin in 1998, will train criminal justice officials in rules and procedures, provide field support etc. Ten Australian police, wardens, and lawyers are in Cambodia to run the program. Initial Cambodian government reluctance has been replaced by a now very positive and helpful approach, including from the relevant ministers.

e) Canadian Role

Last fall, the Canadian Bar Association (CBA) sponsored a visit by Say Bory, head of the Cambodian Bar Association, and three other members of the Cambodian Bar to B.C and New Brunswick, to examine those provinces' systems of legal aid.

Robin Sully of the CBA has proposed that Canada should consider funding a legal aid project to resolve the problem now faced by the Cambodian Bar (ie, legal authority, no funds). Funding could allow the Cambodian Bar to develop some capacity to provide legal aid services through their membership (as opposed to the expatriate lawyers model of the ABA and LAC). In addition, funding could help to develop a public education program to complement the provision of legal aid. Other areas she has noted as worth considering include: helping the Cambodian Bar to develop capacity/public education in land law and dispute resolution, with special targeting for women and childrens' legal issues; and assisting the Bar in developing and administering good quality bar admission materials.

C. Human Rights