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Text of Joint Communique issued at New Delhi on March 18th, 1955, at the conclusion of the talks between Prince Norodom Sihanouk, leader of the Cambodian Delegation, and Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India.

"At the invitation of the Government of India, Prince Norodom Sihanouk Varman and the Prime Minister of Cambodia have come on a brief visit to India. During their stay in New Delhi, they have had friendly and informal talks with the Prime Minister of India. These talks have dealt with many matters of common interest for the two countries as well as some aspects of world problems which affect them.

"The historical connections and close cultural affinity between India and Cambodia, which date back to a remote past have enabled the leader of the Cambodian Delegation and the Prime Minister of India to understand and appreciate each other's point of view. They also provide a guarantee for the continuance of friendly relations in the future.

"The leader of the Cambodian Delegation expressed his appreciation of India's general approach to world problem and desire for the maintenance of peace. The Delegation and the Prime Minister of India agreed that the best guarantee for peace in the world and for friendship between countries is to adhere to the principles of the recognition of each other's sovereignty, independence and integrity, of non-aggression, of equality and mutual respect and of non-interference in the domestic affairs of each other or of other countries and on the promotion of conditions for peaceful co-existence.

"The two Governments were also agreed that the Geneva agreements should be fully implemented and that every effort should be made to preserve and strengthen the independence of Cambodia and improve the condition of its people. The best guarantee of peace and democracy lies in the pursuit of a progressive social and economic policy.

"The two Governments will co-operate to the maximum extent possible in cultural matters.

"The Government of India assured the Cambodian Delegation of their desire to give such assistance to Cambodia as lay in their power.

"The two Governments agreed to exchange diplomatic missions on a Legation level at an early date".

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