This report summarizes my discussions with organizations and individuals active in peacebuilding in Cambodia as the country heads towards 1998 elections, describing the issues as seen by them, and the capacity of Cambodian civil society to address the challenges of democratization in this transitional period.

The report is set out as follows:

I. Overview of Contemporary Cambodia (p. 2)

II. Peacebuilding Activity in Cambodia (describing the issues under each heading and the support/role of the main local and international actors) (p. 8)

A. Elections (p. 8)

B. Legal System (p. 17)

C. Human Rights (p. 21)

D. Media (p. 27)

E. Conflict Resolution (p. 30)

F. National Assembly (p. 34)

G. Regional Initiatives (p. 36)

Appendix I: Acronyms (p. 39)

Appendix II: List of Meetings Held in Cambodia (p. 41)

Appendix III: Chronology of Recent Cambodian Events (p. 45)

*The views expressed in this report are not necessarily those of the Canadian Government