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CONCLUSION

Overall there was general agreement by the workshop participants that the situation in Cambodia is not going to change quickly. Canada should not disengage its involvement and Cambodians ultimately must make decisions regarding their future. Canada should use the upcoming election as an opportunity to review its current involvement in Cambodia with the aim to increase its bilateral programming, and look at a comprehensive strategy for future engagement with Cambodia - which should include assisting Cambodia to educate their young, reforming their judiciary, supporting democratic development, creating a neutral media, supporting NGOs and working towards ridding the country of mines.

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EVALUATION

Overall participants were very pleased with the roundtable discussion. Although some key players were not able to attend, there was a high level of discussion and collective expertise in the room. The following notes highlight participant's feedback from the evaluation forms.

What did you like about the roundtable discussion?

- brought together a group of committed specialists who spoke frankly and constructively
- very policy focused, excellent and diverse group of experts
- excellent exchange of sometimes very divergent views
- everything - particularly the people who attended who gave me a great opportunity to update my knowledge and information about Cambodia
- all of it - the free flow of views
- variety of positions, civility
- it was wonderful to spend a day discussing Cambodia in depth with knowledgeable people
- detailed discussion about the Canadian government's role in Cambodia
- calibre of participants, effective chairmanship
- well organized and very enjoyable day, good range of people and a good facilitator
- open discussion and full participation of all participants
- well managed process - enjoyed chance to explore insights and issues with other experience professionals - glad the process had a process

What didn't you like about the day?

- perhaps wider "Cambodian" presences and perhaps someone involved in economic transition
- interior rooms, no windows