

Peacebuilding in Cambodia

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The report summarises discussions between the author, an officer at the Canadian High Commission in New Delhi, and organisations and individuals involved in peacebuilding in Cambodia within the context of its 1998 elections. It presents their views on the issues and describes the capacity of Cambodian civil society to address the challenges of democratisation in this transitional period. The main areas of peacebuilding activities covered in the report include elections, legal system, human rights, media, conflict resolution, the national assembly and regional initiatives. The report does not address recommendations for Canadian foreign policy.

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