



May 21, 2010

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Dear Mr Taylor

The Embassy refers to your letter of May 19, 2010.

On the issue you raised, I am pleased to advise that His Excellency Hor Nambora is no longer prepared to enter into a public debate with Global Witness.

First, we believe it would be inappropriate to share a platform with representatives of your organisation since it would appear you have a politically-motivated and hidden agenda to discredit the legitimately-elected Government of Prime Minister Hun Sen.

Second, it seems clear that your group is starting to lose credibility and respect within the international community, not least for the irresponsible and devious way in which you operate.

Third, you might naively judge that your publications and irresponsible statements on Cambodia would have "big impact" but general public on the ground would quickly come to a conclusion that your organisation is a "proxy force and political toy" to be acting under the order of the opposition party in Cambodia.

Four, Global Witness might take this opportunity to bring a halt to its long-running and increasingly malicious campaign against Cambodia and the Cambodian people and turn its attention to more important issues.

In short, as your group, leadership and campaigners certainly suffered from epilepsy and other mental disabilities, it would more prudent for any Cambodian representatives or officials, not to take part in the debate.

Yours sincerely

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