



AFESIP INTERNATIONAL

*Acting For Women in Distressing Circumstances
Agir Pour Les Femmes En Situation Précaire*

AFESIP Press Release

Statement of AFESIP International

We would like to welcome the decision of the Ministry of Interior to establish an Inter-Ministerial Committee; with inclusion of representatives of the Foreign Missions and the national and international non-governmental organizations as observers to witness, to further investigate.

However; we are asking that for such an independent enquiry to have the transparency that it most importantly requires, and further to learn from this experience for all parties interested; for the Royal Government of Cambodia;

- a. To invite
 - i. UN Special Rapporteur on Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography.
 - ii. UN Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children. to monitor and ensure complete transparency in the enquiry into this case and finally to report directly to the Secretary General of the UN.
- b. To include an Internationally based Global Human Rights NGO ;
- c. To invite an internationally recognized Foreign Investigative Police Force to monitor and investigate the case. (We would like to recommend the Australian Federal Police although we have not discussed this with them as yet.)

We ask that this Inter-Ministerial Committee, as described, with the above 4 independent and international participants be **established immediately**.

Further that once this Inter-Ministerial Committee is established, then for the final **report to be released within 2 month**.

Furthermore, AFESIP would like to exhibit this case as a good example of the influence of Organized Crime at Political Level. AFESIP asks the international community to seriously fight this threat and to take into consideration development issues as a strong counterbalance to organized crime.

Meanwhile, humanly correct development must be implemented to further redress the imbalance in power.

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