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Dear Excellency U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon:

On behalf of the Members of the Cambodian Veteran Association, Inc. established since 1975, we would like to ask your urgent help to resolve the systemic voting irregularities that took place on July 28, 2013 general election in Cambodia.

The major cultures flaws have been manipulated in the National Election Committee (NEC) in Cambodia were criticized by NGO civil services for bias toward the ruling party CPP in recent General Elections.

Your Excellency, just as a reminder the latest report by Prof. Surya P. Subedi, U.N. Special Rapporteur to the U.N. Human Rights Council to inquire as stated **“urgent and longer-term reforms are needed to give Cambodians confidence in the electoral process and in the workings of the National Election Committee (...). If the electoral process is unable to command the trust and confidence of the electorate, the very foundation of the Cambodian political and constitutional architecture embodied in the Paris Peace Agreements will be shaken and the country may run the risk of a return to violence.”**

These above vigilant recommendation by Prof. Subedi had been totally ignored, and played down by NEC. Until recently last month election the voter registrations were manipulated and were reported by independent civil society that more than a million voters may have been denied their right to vote.

Once again we respectfully ask the U.N. body under your leadership an urgent help to exert pressure on Cambodian Government and NEC to establish a special investigating committee to be also allowed U.N. and Civil Society participation in the process.

The less fortunate Cambodian people merely ask for Free and Fair Election to choose their own destiny.

Respectfully Yours,

Kalmine Ly,

Chairman of Cambodian Veterans, Inc.