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Press Statement

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On behalf of President Obama and the American people, I would like to send my best wishes to the Cambodian people on the occasion of Khmer New Year.

This is an opportunity to honor Cambodia's culture and plans for a brighter future. Cambodia has undergone tremendous progress and growth in the past two decades, and the United States hopes to be a partner in Cambodia's continued development

This year, as Cambodia plans for the National Assembly Elections in July, we support efforts to ensure a free and fair electoral process that addresses the democratic aspirations of the Cambodian people. We also look forward to recognizing and celebrating Cambodia's 60 years of independence in November.

I offer my heartfelt wishes for a peaceful and prosperous new year.