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PRINCESS CHULABHORN DIDYASARIN MAUDOL
AT A DINNER HOSTED IN HER HONOUR

BY

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS SAMDECH PREAH NORODOM SIHANOUK,
HEAD OF STATE AND PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME NATIONAL

COUNCIL OF CAMBODIA,
ROYAL PALACE, PHNOM PENH,

5 APRIL 1993

Their Royal Highnesses, Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk and Samdech Preah Cheaya,

May I, first of all, express my deep appreciation to Your Royal Highness Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk and Samdech Preah Cheaya for the warm and dignified welcome extended to me and members of my party on my second official visit to Cambodia.

I am also grateful for the excellent hospitality accorded to me by the people and the authorities in Cambodia during my first visit to this country last February, in particular for the personal attention given by His Excellency Mr. Hun Sen.

Your Royal Highness,

It is wellknown that Cambodia and Thailand are close neighbours whose two peoples are inseparably linked by a common heritage and deeply-rooted cultural values. Yet, it is unfortunate that Cambodia for past 20 years has fallen into internal conflicts and wars. As Cambodia's immediate neighbour and friend, I would like to reaffirm to Your Royal Highness as well as to the people of Cambodia that Thailand has a sincere and urgent desire to see, more than anything else, a lasting peace return to Cambodia

The Paris Peace Agreement, signed on 23 October 1991, makes it possible for all refugees and displaced persons to return to their homeland to take part in rebuilding their nation, while the upcoming elections to be held in May 1993 could engender a spirit of national reconciliation among Cambodians, that is a prerequisite for shaping the Cambodian nation. However, the hope for lasting peace, I firmly believe, lies behind the pivotal role of Your Royal Highness who can unify the country and strive for a peaceful and independent Cambodia.

Your Royal Highness,

The conclusion of the conflict in Cambodia is not an end in itself. The future tasks in rebuilding the country are immense and burdensome. But with the able leadership and statesmanship of Your Royal Highness, I cherish the hope that Cambodia can recall the historic period of its utmost prosperity in the 50's and 60's known as 'Sangkum Reatn Niyum' (សំគុំរោគនិយម). In this respects, Thailand will do her best to assist Your Royal

Highness and the Cambodian people to prevail through this critical period and achieve their final goals.

Your Royal Highness,
Samdech Preah Cheayea,
Excellencies,
Distinguished guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

May I now invite you all to join me in a toast to the continued good health and happiness of His Royal Highness Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk and Princess Monique, to peace, national reconciliation, and the prosperity of Cambodia under Your Royal Highness' leadership, and to the ever-lasting friendship and cooperation between Thailand and Cambodia.