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We are people from indigenous communities and non-indigenous communities who have been impacted for many years by companies from China, namely Lan Feng, Rui Feng, Heng Nong, Heng Rui, and Heng You companies which have taken our rice paddies and upland fields, violated our rights to use natural resources and destroyed them, and are causing serious corruption.

Our respects to

Mr. President of the government of the People's Republic of China

Via: His Excellency the Ambassador to Cambodia of the People's Republic of China

Subject: Request that the government of the People's Republic of China review and cancel the five subsidiaries of Hengfu, namely Lan Feng, Rui Feng, Heng Nong, Heng Rui, and Heng You, that are planting sugarcane in Preah Vihear province, Cambodia as quickly as possible.

The five subsidiary companies of Hengfu, from China, received permission to invest in economic land concessions and signed contracts with the Royal Government of Cambodia for investment for planting acacia and sugarcane. These companies include Lan Feng (Cambodia) International Company Limited, with an area of 9015 hectares in Prame commune, Tbeng Meanchey district and To Su commune, Chey Sen district; Rui Feng (Cambodia) International Company Limited, with an area of 8881 hectares in Mlu Prey Muoy, Mlu Prey Pir, and Sangke Pir communes, Chhep district; Heng Nong (Cambodia) International Company Limited, with an area of 6649 hectares in To Su, S'ang and Putrea communes, Ches Sen District; Heng Rui (Cambodia) International Company Limited, with an area of 9160 hectares in To Su commune, Chey Sen district and Sangke Pir commune, Chhep district; and Heng You (Cambodia) International Company Limited, with an area of 9111 hectares in Mlu Prey, Chhep Muoy, Chhep Pir, and Sangke Muoy communes, Chhep district, Preah Vihear Province, that has an area of approximately 42,422 hectares.

Beginning in 2012, our communities have lost land as the five companies did not respect the principles of human rights and development.

1. Violating human rights and indigenous peoples' rights

The companies have plowed, and continue to plow, rice paddies, upland fields, forest lands used for collection of forest products, spirit forest lands, and reserved forest lands and have planted sugarcane, build roads back and forth, and built worksite buildings that are obstacles to our farming. They have threatened, intimidated, seized, accused, and intended to drive tractors over community members, caused injuries to women, used degrading language and malicious gestures towards the people who own the farmland. Small children have dropped out of school to follow their parents and no longer dare to tend cattle and buffaloes out of fear.

2. Causing environmental, economic, and socio-cultural destruction

The five companies have grabbed, and continue to grab farmland, destroyed forest resources used for timber and non-timber forest products, and cut down trees people tapped for resin as a traditional source of income. They have destroyed wealth systems of humanity, destroyed land reserved for future generations, and destroyed grasslands for grazing cattle and buffaloes. They have destroyed evergreen forests and semi-evergreen forests, destroyed forests used for many types of traditional medicines, destroyed trees used of building housing and multi-use forests such as: Prey Krakah, Prey Chrey, Prey Dambong, Prey Toteung, Prey Svayor, etc. They have destroyed the bases of large and small ancient temples that are buried in the ground and are part of the national heritage. They have destroyed forests around the banks of ponds and destroyed ponds such as Trapeang Yaeng, Trapeang Antit Pouy, Trapeang

Russei, Trapeang Beng, Trapeang Sangke Thom, Trapeang Ben Kandak, Trapeang Krakah, Trapeang Ampil, Trapeang Khtom Khang Lech, Trapeang Brey Thom, Trapeang Akheum, Trapeang Sna, Trapeang Poppul, Trapeang Pring, Trapeang Thmor, Trapeang Andong, Trapeang Chakrom, Trapeang Tadong, Trapeang Chrey, Trapeang Sangke Pen, Trapeang Sangke, Trapeang Kcheay, Trapeang Tram Sosor, and Trapeang Areak, that were sources of water used for consumption and watering crops and sources of food. They have destroyed forests along the banks of canals such as Pralay Krakah, Pralay P'iang, Pralay Khyang, Pralay Yeak Plouk, Pralay Sre S'ak, Pralay Dak Ar, Pralay Lpong, Pralay Andong, Pralay Pranh, Pralay Sre Kol, Pralay Sre Roleay, Pralay Khting, Pralay Svay, Pralay Pongro, Pralay Khley, Pralay Yak Nong, Pralay Sangke, Pralay Sramar, Pralay Preah Tleay, Pralay Banteay, Pralay Ta Rik, and Pralay Krasang. They have dumped poisonous chemicals and waste into the water system, such as O Preal, O Popoam, O Prlean, O Prap, O Neang Re, O Ta Yu, O Rumdeng, O Khley, O Rumduol, and the Stung Seng River, causing fish to die and impacting on the health of our communities.

3. Causing corruption with local authorities and the court system

Hengfu has provided money to support sub-national authorities and armed officers to assist them in grabbing our communities' land.

We, Khmer people, both indigenous people and local communities, are angry every day, have no freedom in speaking out, live under oppression, and lack peace in our hearts. There are racial discrimination, violence, and direct public statements against us, aimed at destroying the Kuy people.

4. Resolution with Hengfu

In March 2013, indigenous communities had a meeting with a representative of Hengfu to find a resolution to the conflict, and the community representative signed an agreement that the company would stop plowing rice fields - but the company later broke its promise. Kuy indigenous communities submitted a request to register their communal land to the provincial governor, but Hengfu grabbed the land and planted sugarcane on it. In May 2014, our communities filed a complaint to the Preah Vihear provincial court against Lan Feng and Rui Feng companies, which are subsidiaries of Hengfu, charging them with crimes against humanity according to article 188 of the Cambodian criminal code. In December 2014, we confiscated two of Hengfu's bulldozers that were clearing our rice fields, and in January 2015 our communities filed complaints with the Preah Vihear provincial court against the two bulldozer drivers of Hengfu, charging them with willful destruction of property, based on article 410 and 411 of the criminal code and article 248 of the 2001 Land Law of the Kingdom of Cambodia. In January 2016 our communities stopped tractors plowing our rice fields in order to negotiate a solution, but Chinese workers holding clubs threatened to beat us. Not only that, the Chinese tractor driver planned to drive over and kill our community representatives. These actions are extremely brutal. Unfortunately, our communities have not received any resolution or positive result.

As per the subject and explanation above, we ask that you, Mr. President, please accept our complaint petition and review, take measures and cancel the Hengfu subsidiaries in Preah Vihear province as quickly as possible.

We indigenous and non-indigenous people give our thumbprints attached with this complaint petition to complain as stated in the subject above. We authorize three villagers represent us in this petition and give their thumbprints in submitting this petition.

Done in Preah Vihear on 29 August 2017
Thumbprints of community representatives