

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA,  
RELATING TO  
THE SETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IN CAMBODIA

The Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Government of Australia herein after referred to as the "Participants"

wishing to build on their existing strong and cordial relations:

Preamble

Noting that:

- the Participants are States parties to the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol (Refugee Convention), and believe that refugee protection is enhanced through committed international cooperation;

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- the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia will provide safe and permanent settlement opportunities

## Status of Refugees settled in Cambodia

7. The Kingdom of Cambodia will facilitate the lawful entry of Refugees who accept an offer under clause 4 of this MOU.

8. The Kingdom of Cambodia will grant Refugees settled under this MOU permanent residence status, with all of the rights and obligations of permanent residency in accordance with ~~SD~~ Decree No. 224.

9. The Kingdom of Cambodia will treat all Refugees settled under this MOU in accordance with its obligations under the Refugees Convention.

## Settlement arrangements

10. The Government of Australia will assist the Kingdom of Cambodia to establish appropriate arrangements and assistance for Refugees settled under this MOU, in accordance with the following principles:

- a. Refugees will be assisted to ~~re~~ establish their lives so that they become ~~self~~ sufficient;
- b. the level and type of support provided to each Refugee will be ~~tailor~~ tailored to their needs;
- c. services and treatment will be commensurate with local.8(r)-2.8(a)-3.3(t)4.9(e)-6(l)-14.6.4ca so

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorised, have signed this MOU.

Done at ....., on ....., in two originals in ~~Khmer and English~~ <sup>English and Khmer</sup> text being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text will prevail.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT  
OF THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA

FOR THE GOVERNMENT  
OF AUSTRALIA

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OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES  
FOR  
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
ON  
SETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IN CAMBODIA

The Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Government of Australia ~~herein~~ after referred to as the “Participants”.

## Temporary Accommodation

11. Cambodia will issue each Refugee with a Refugee Recognition Certificate (Prakas), Refugee resident card, and Refugee identity card, in accordance with ~~Secret~~ree No. 224.
12. Cambodia will provide necessary support and security to the Refugees at the temporary accommodation.
13. Cambodia will develop the orientation programs to provide preliminary relevant information on living conditions, important places, working conditions, and domestic laws.
14. Refugees will be provided with introductory Khmer language training which is conducive for ~~to~~ person person communication, integration, and future ~~self~~liance.
15. In accordance with clause 12 of the MOU, Australia will cover the expenses for transport of Refugees from the airport to the temporary accommodation, the provision of temporary accommodation, daily meals, clothes, health services, translation, security services, and other basic needs.
16. Refugees will be accommodated in temporary accommodation until they have achieved basic Khmer language skills and have passed a medical examination.
17. During the stay at temporary accommodation in Cambodia, the rights of Refugees for movement inside the country will not be prohibited.

## Settlement and Integration

18. The ~~Parti~~participants will collaborate in finding a location outside of Phnom Penh for the delivery of services for the settlement of Refugees.

## Rights and Obligations of Refugees and Cambodia

23. In accordance with clause 8 of the MOU, Refugees will have the rights and obligations stipulated under SubDecree No. 224 and international conventions relating to the Refugees, including the Refugees Convention.

24. In accordance with paragraph 23 of these Operational Guidelines, rights afforded to Refugees will include but are not limited to:

- a. Rights as enjoyed by other regular migrants including:
  - 4 applying for Khmer nationality through naturalization,
  - 4 rights to apply for jobs and running businesses,
  - 4 rights to guarantee dependent family members to reside in Cambodia as regular migrants.
- b. Refugees will not be expelled against their will to other countries.

25. Within 12 months of the date of departure from temporary accommodation of each Refugee, Australia will help facilitate the process of voluntary repatriation of the Refugees under the MOU to their country of nationality, or to another country where the Refugee has a right to enter and reside, as consented or requested by the Refugee.

### Information Agent

26. The Department of Refugees of the General Department of Immigration of Cambodia will be the focal point for the Refugees.

27. In accordance with paragraph 21 of these Operational Guidelines, the Participants ~~their~~ service agents will take