Cambodia: Council adopts conclusions

On 26 February the Foreign Affairs Council adopted conclusions on Cambodia in the light of worrying political developments and the continuing deterioration of democracy, respect of human rights and the rule of law.

In its conclusions the Council strongly urges the Cambodian government to stop using the judiciary as a political tool to harass and intimidate political opponents, civil society, labour rights activists and human rights defenders.

The Council notes with deep concern the arrest of opposition leader Kem Sokha on 3 September 2017 and reiterates its demands for his immediate release. It also expresses its deep concern over the closure or suspension of several NGOs and media outlets, as well as the enforced dissolution of the main opposition party, the Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) on 16 November 2017 and calls on Cambodia to swiftly reverse this dissolution.

The Council stresses that, given these recent developments, it may consider specific targeted measures if the situation does not improve.

Read the full text of the Council conclusions on Cambodia
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