

SPEECH
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IN SEMINAR ARF CBMs SUBJECT ABOUT
(UN Conventional Arms Register)

- H.E Excellencies .
- Ladies and gentlemen .

I have a great honor that I am allowed to extend my opinion for the ARF CBMs seminar on Conventional Weapons Transfers .

On behalf of National Defense Ministers and on my own behalf as Director General of General Department of Material and Technique . which is the top institution of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces (RCAF) , I Would like to inform you briefly about the project of controlling and using of small arms and light weapons .

Ladies and Gentleman , after 30 years of war ,the Cambodian fighting factions signed peace agreement and the Royal Government of Cambodia was established by fair just and free election for the two mandates. The first mandate was from 1993 until 1998 and the second was from 1998 and has been continuing until the year 2003 .

To rehabilitate and develop this war-torn country the social infrastructure , the Royal Government of Cambodia has made an effort to keep social order , stability and suppress the threat , violence and promote on human rights by causing the use of illegal weapons .

The problem of small arms and light weapons has been continuing to threaten social security and stability , referring to the circulation of authorized holders of weapons , including the armed forces , the police and other armed agencies of the state

According to the lack of the Government 's control of weapons , holders of weapons have willingness to guard their own property , selling weapons for their own money or using by the gangsters that make small and light weapons reach everywhere in the countries .

In view of this serious problem of illegal use of weapons , Samdech HUN SEN , Prime Minister of the Royal Government of Cambodia , has appealed for assistance , for the process of suppressing the use of illegal weapons .

Ladies and Gentleman , I would like to inform all of you that the Ministry Of National Defense launched the National campaign project to register the control of weapons use by the RCAF Units . This project has been studied by EU ASAC .

Due to own financial constraint , We have chosen The Military Region II , The Kompong Cham Military in other to register small arms and light weapons and this project will be ended until late of June 2001 .

We would like to appealed our friendly countries and international agencies to assist us in this present registration small and light weapons so that we could complete this project , our need are for :

- Training human resources .
- Material for registration like : computer **etc.**,.
- Build and storage for small armed and light weapons .
- Prepare documents to instruct and trainers .

Facing the problem of small armed and light weapons due to 3 decades of war the Royal Government of Cambodia has no intention to set up the weapons and ammunition factory in the present time .

As a member of the United Nation , the Royal Government of Cambodia continues to work in a constructive way to make this world free from violence .

I would like to express the profound gratitude to the participants of this seminar and thank you very much for you kind attention .