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Ref: Seeking comments on General Comments No. 19 (2016) on Public Spending and the Rights of the Child (Article 4 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child) of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

Excellency,

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 25th August 2015 requesting the Ministry of Economy and Finance, Cambodia to provide comments on the Advanced Version of General Comments No. 19 (2016) on Public Spending and the Rights of the Child (Article 4) of the Committee on the Rights of the Child as mandated in Article 45 of the convention.

We would like to highly appreciate the opportunity to comment on the General Comments No. 19 (2016) on Public Spending and the Rights of the Child and are supportive of the great efforts of UNICEF to develop this general comments to enable State parties to understand their obligations derived from the Convention in relation to public spending and make fund available for strengthening the implementation of those rights of boys and girls.

As a signatory to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Cambodia is strongly committed to promoting welfare and rights of children such as rights to life, development, protection and participation through the adoption of child protection laws and national plan for child development. Cambodia has recently increased public spending in social sectors, in particular in education and health, with the aim to help children realize their rights to quality basic education, reduce infant and child mortality by improving health service delivery. Cambodia has also cooperated with development partners to gain both technical and financial supports in relation to the implementation of the child rights in order to strengthen national system of analysis and planning across sectors. In this letter, we provide comments on the Advanced Version of General Comments No. 19 as follows:

1. Overall, the draft is a comprehensive documents, which is elaborated the general principles of child rights, the obligation of both aids recipient and donated countries in public spending and how budgeting can be considered as child friendly budget process.
2. On specific comments, we noted that more information should be added to the second sentence at the bullet point number 43, which is written that *the expression also means that Developed States are obliged to provide international cooperation to developing countries,.....* That sentence should be added as a *written sentence in Italic and Bold: the expression also means that Developed States are obligated to provide **technical and financial supports in relation to child friendly budgeting spanning from planning, enactment, execution, to auditing under the international cooperation framework to developing countries.***

Please, Excellency, accept the assurance of our high consideration. 



Yours Sincerely,

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