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on political murders in Cambodia

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European parliament resolution on political murders in Cambodia

The European parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Cambodia, especially the resolution of 3 July 2003,
- having regard to the EC-Cambodia Framework Cooperation Agreement of 1 November 1999,
- having regard to the EC-Cambodia Strategy Paper 2000-2003,
- having regard to the final report of the EU Election Observation Mission in Cambodia,
- having regard to the statement of the EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy on a Cambodia Tribunal,
- having regard to the agreement between the UN and the government of Cambodia concerning the creation of a special Cambodia war crimes tribunal,
- having regard to the statement of the acting United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the killing of Cambodian trade union leader Chea Vichea,

A. whereas Mr. Chea Vichea, President of the Free Trade Union of the Workers of the Kingdom of Cambodia, was killed on 22 January 2004 in a politically motivated attack, following earlier attacks and threats,

B. whereas more political activists have been killed in Cambodia before and after the general elections of 2003, turning 2003 in the most violent year since the 1998 elections,

C. whereas two men have been charged in the murder case of Mr. Chea Vichea, while in general the perpetrators of political murders are not brought to justice,

D. whereas the Cambodian People's Party (CPP), the Sam Rainsy Party (SRP) and the Funcinpec have not been able yet to form a coalition government after the general elections of 2003, leaving Cambodia without a new government for more than six months now,

E. whereas the agreement between the UN and the government of Cambodia concerning the creation of a special Cambodia war crimes tribunal has still not been ratified by the Cambodian parliament,

1. Condemns the political murders and all other acts of violence against political activists and urges the Cambodian authorities to do their utmost in order to bring the perpetrators of these acts to justice;

2. Regrets that the new coalition government has not been formed yet and urges all parties to resolve the political deadlock as soon as possible;
3. Urges the parliament of Cambodia to ratify the agreement between the UN and the government of Cambodia concerning the creation of a special Cambodia war crimes tribunal as soon as possible;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, and the government and parliament of Cambodia.