His Excellency Pisanu Suvanajata,

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Your Excellency,

I am writing to express my grave concern about reports that Wanchalearm Satsaksit, a 37-year old Thai activist, has gone missing in Phnom Penh.

A family member reported Wanchalearm Satsaksit’s abduction on 4 June, after speaking to him on the phone around 4.30 pm that day. According to the relative, their conversation ended abruptly with Wanchalearm saying that he was choking and could not breathe. Reports indicate that CCTV footage from Wanchalearm’s apartment block show a black Toyota Highlander SUV departing from outside the condominium. His whereabouts remain unknown.

Thai authorities have filed charges against him on account of his peaceful exercise of the right to freedom of expression while in exile, most recently in 2018 under the Computer C

I am writing to request that you contact Prime Minister Hun Sen urging him to take all necessary measures to:

• Ensure that an effective, urgent, thorough and transparent investigation into Wanchalearm’s alleged abduction is carried out and keep his family informed of all efforts to determine his whereabouts;

• Bring any person suspected of criminal responsibility to justice in a fair trial before an ordinary civilian court and without recourse to death penalty;

• In line with the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, to which Cambodia is a state party, do not return Wanchalearm to Thailand.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Gill Hardy