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**Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General
for human rights in Cambodia, Yash Ghai**

Addendum

The report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia was finalized on 10 January 2006. Since then, there have been some encouraging developments, particularly in relation to creating an environment conducive to the conduct of legitimate political activity. They include the release from pre-trial detention of persons active in public life, whose cases are mentioned in the report, the pardoning and restoration of parliamentary immunity to members of the Sam Rainsy Party, and a statement from the Prime Minister in favour of decriminalizing defamation. The Special Representative has acknowledged these positive events, and continues to follow developments with interest. He will undertake a second mission to Cambodia in March to obtain an updated understanding of the situation and to discuss his report and recommendations with the Government before he presents them to the Commission on Human Rights during its sixty-second session.
