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**KHMER KAMPUCHEA KROM COMMUNITY**  
**LA COMMUNAUTÉ DU KHMER KAMPUCHEA KROM**

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STATEMENT

On the Occasion of the Asia-Europe (ASEM) Foreign Ministers meeting in Phnom Penh between May 27-28, 2009 the Khmer Kampuchea Krom Community (KKC) wishes to draw the attention of all the delegations on the issue of the violation of the Human Rights of the Khmer Kampuchea Krom (Mekong Delta) people.

The KKC which represents all the oppressed Khmer people living on the Mekong Delta land would like to appeal to all esteem delegates to look into the problem of the worst violation of human rights of the Vietnamese people especially, the Khmer Kampuchea Krom people by the current Vietnamese authorities. These abuses have taken on the people's freedom of religious belief (the Buddhist religion has been subjected to the tight control of the Vietnamese Communist Party and the Vietnamese Buddhist Sect), the freedom to freely form the Associations and local Organizations, the freedom of assembly and freedom of expression, the prohibition of the Khmer Krom People from Studying the Khmer literature and language as well as the forced seizures of the people's land.

The KKC sincerely hopes that your esteem delegates will push for the halt of these above-mentioned violations of human rights of its people and to make sure that this human rights situation in Vietnam improved to the acceptable standard especially, the respect of the sacred rights of the indigenous people of Khmer Kampuchea Krom by the Vietnamese authorities.



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