

# Roles and Duties of the Committee for Human Rights and Complaints Reception of the Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia

The Committee for Human Rights and Complaints Reception of the Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia (abbreviated as CHURC) shall be referred to as the "First Committee" of the Senate. The Committee shall play the following roles:

1. Support, promote, and defend the rights of individuals to ensure that dignity and equality are served as the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the national society and in the world.
2. Monitor the implementation of human rights in Cambodia with regards to the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights instruments ratified by the Kingdom of Cambodia.

CHURC shall have the following duties:

## A. Complaints Reception

- Receive complaints from individuals, representatives, organizations, or associations.
- Review complaints and mediate for the resolution of complaints by working, in person or through writing, in cooperation with various institutions or competent authorities.
- Investigate the causes of problems related to human rights abuses at the places where such abuses have occurred.
- Issue finding reports to the Senate Standing Committee, or raise the issue directly to the competent institutions.

## B. Legislation

- Initiate proposed laws pertaining to human rights as stipulated in the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia and other documents on human rights that Cambodia has ratified.
- Review and give recommendations on draft bills, proposals, and resolutions passed by the National Assembly with regard to human rights.
- Review any law in force which could weaken the promotion of human rights and work with the National Assembly to improve such law.

## C. Education and Dissemination

- Promote and encourage the education of human rights to citizens of all levels, reaching to those in remote areas and to the illiterate.
- Promote and encourage the public dissemination of human rights information through the media such as radio, television, and publications.

CHURC receives complaints on behalf of the Senate and fulfills the following roles:

After it has been empowered by the Senate Standing Committee to review draft laws or proposed laws which the National Assembly has adopted, or after complaints having been lodged with the Committee, the Committee can recommend the Senate Standing Committee whether to:

- Reject,
- Deliberate, or
- Consider on an urgent basis.

CHURC shall have the following duties to:

A.Allow the author(s) of the draft to appear before the Committee to defend the draft. It then submits reports to the Senate.

B.Submit reports to the Senate Standing Committee on instances of human rights abuses and request the remedies for those abuses.

C.Recommend the National Assembly on the enactment of laws protecting human rights with the aim of better promoting such rights.

D.Submit request's to the Royal Government on problems regarding human rights.

E.Research, collect, and deliberate on the media with the aim of clarifying the circumstances of human rights abuses and the elimination of such abuses.

F.Invite personalities, members of the Royal Government, or concerned authorities to brief the Committee on human rights problems as deemed necessary by the Committee.

G.Work in coordination with the Royal Government or concerned authorities on measures to prevent human rights abuses.

H.Issue reports, public statements, and clarifications on human rights issues.

I.Work in cooperation with national and international organizations to defend and encourage the respect for human rights in the Kingdom of Cambodia.

J.Promote friendly relationships on human rights with foreign parliamentarians.

K.Request the President of the Senate to appoint experts and assistants from outside the Senate to positions of advisory experts and assistants on human rights in the Committee.

L.Find additional help for the efficient promotion and respect for human rights in Cambodia.

#### Roles and Duties of the Committee on Finance and Banking of the Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia

The Committee on Finance and Banking (abbreviated as COFIB) shall be referred to as the "Second Committee" of the Senate.

COFIB shall play the role of a coordinator with the goal of protecting and promoting the integrity of law enforcement and of any other legal clauses pertaining to finance and banking. It shall be responsible for the followings:

- Study, research, and collect information pertaining to the authority of COFIB to enable to fulfill its coordinator role.
- Review and give advice on draft laws and proposed laws, and resolutions to the Senate Standing Committee.
- Report and defend draft laws and proposed laws, and resolutions it has reviewed, and give advice to the plenary session of the Senate.
- Work in cooperation with other institutions or with authors of draft laws and proposed laws, and resolutions by inviting them to meetings to provide clarification and argument.
- Review and provide solutions to issues related with the expertise of COFIB, its role, and authority.
- Consider finance & banking principles for all financial legislation considered by the Senate for the approval of

the Senate Standing Committee.

- Give advice on auditing procedures and evaluate the expenditures of the Senate.
- COFIB is authorized to review draft laws and proposed laws, and resolutions and recommend the Senate Standing Committee whether to:
  - Reject,
  - Deliberate, or
  - Consider on an urgent basis.

Roles and Duties of the Committee on Economy, Planning, Investment, Agriculture, Rural Development, and Environment of the Kingdom of Cambodia

The Committee on Economy, Planning, Investment, Agriculture, Rural Development, and Environment (abbreviated as CEPIARDE) shall be referred to as the "Third Committee" of the Senate.

CEPIARDE shall have the roles to:

- A. Assist the Senate Standing Committee in its role as the Third Committee.
- B. Coordinate work between the National Assembly and the Royal Government.
- C. Study and review the substances of draft laws and proposed laws, and resolutions sent to the Third Committee from the Senate Standing Committee.

CEPIARDE shall have the following duties to:

- A. Review, consider, and resolve complaints and provide intervention with concerned authorities.
- B. Collect unusual information or information regarding illegalities in connection with the Senate and the Third Committee.
- C. Fulfill missions and investigate any problem related with the Third Committee and report it to the Senate Standing Committee.
- D. To fulfill its duties in accordance with the spirit of the Constitution and the Internal Regulations of the Senate.
- E. Work in cooperation with other institutions, authors of draft laws and proposed laws, and resolutions by inviting them and other jurists for briefing.

CEPIARDE shall have the authority to:

Review draft laws and proposed laws, and resolutions and recommend the Senate Standing Committee whether to:

- Reject,
- Deliberate, or
- Consider on an urgent basis.

Roles and Duties of the Committee of the Interior, National Defense, Ethics and Investigation of the Kingdom of Cambodia

The Committee on the Interior, National Defense, Ethics and Investigation (abbreviated as CINDEI) shall be referred to

as the "Fourth Committee" of the Senate.

CINDEI shall be the support headquarters for the Senate Standing Committee and for the full Senate. It shall play the following roles to:

- A. Coordinate work between the National Assembly and the Royal Government.
- B. Review and research draft laws and proposed laws, and resolutions within its mandate and jurisdiction.

CINDEI shall have the following duties to:

- A. Monitor activities in the areas of internal affairs, national defense, morality, and domestic security in the implementation of the Royal Government policies and laws in force in the Kingdom of Cambodia and the implementation of various treaties and conventions with foreign countries in these areas.
- B. Investigate all litigious and suspicious cases in the Kingdom of Cambodia, on behalf of the Senate, under the jurisdiction of CINDEI.
- C. Review complaints and intervene in writing with competent authorities to seek redress.
- D. Follow up decisions made by the Senate Standing Committee.
- E. Undertake its investigative duties on the field on all irregular activities subject to its jurisdiction and report to the Senate Standing Committee for further action.

CINDEI shall have the authority to:

- A. Review draft laws and proposed laws, and resolutions and recommend the Senate Standing Committee whether to:
  - Reject,
  - Deliberate, or
  - Consider on an urgent basis.
- B. Authorize authors of the draft proposals, bills, or resolutions or persons involved to argue before it.
- C. Invite dignitaries, government officials, and concerned authorities to brief CINDEI as deemed necessary on matters involving the problems of the interior, national defense, ethics, and investigation.

Roles and Duties of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, Information and the Media of the Kingdom of Cambodia

The Committee on Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, Information and the Media (abbreviated as COFAIM) shall be referred to as the "Fifth Committee" of the Senate.

COFAIM plays the role of a coordinator in the promotion of an efficient implementation of national policies with regard to foreign affairs, international cooperation, information, and the media.

COFAIM shall have the following duties to:

A. Review, research, and offer advice on all draft laws and proposed laws, and resolutions emanating from the Senate Standing Committee or any other Committee and/or from the General Secretariat with regard to its areas of jurisdiction.

B. Select, research, and gather information both domestically and internationally; and offer or analyze information collected for the attention of the Senate Standing Committee as deemed necessary.

C. Play the role of a support headquarters to the Senate in the review, monitoring and implementation of national policies with regard to foreign affairs, international cooperation, information and the media within the limit of the law and offer advice when deemed necessary to boost performance in these fields.

D. Cultivate relationships with Committees of the National Assembly, the Royal Government, and other institutions of the nation in an effort to promote new ideas, initiatives, and decisions of COFAIM.

E. Fulfill other tasks entrusted to COFAIM by the Senate Standing Committee.

#### Roles and Duties of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia

The Judiciary Committee of the Senate (abbreviated as JUDIC) shall be referred to as the "Sixth Committee" of the Senate.

JUDIC shall play the role of coordinator by ensuring harmony between the implementation of the Constitution in unity with other laws of the land and in an effort to guarantee the respect for laws.

JUDIC shall have the following duties to:

A. Review draft laws and proposed laws, and resolutions which have reached JUDIC from various other Senate Committees or from the Senate Standing Committee and offer advice to them as deemed necessary.

B. Assist the Senate Standing Committee in preparing draft laws and proposed laws, and resolutions as deemed necessary by the Senate before entrusting the Committee to correct or refine.

C. Cultivate relationships with various Committees of the National Assembly and with the Royal Government and judicial organizations in an effort to promote new ideas, draft laws and proposed laws, initiatives or decisions.

D. Assist the Senate in the monitoring of the implementation of the Constitution and laws among government officials and the whole population. Effort shall be especially made to search for the truth and to formulate ideas and advice to the Senate when deemed necessary.

E. Fulfill other functions entrusted by the Senate Standing Committee.

The authority of the JUDIC shall be construed within the power of the legislative branch pursuant to its roles and obligations.

#### Roles and Duties of the Committee for Education, Religion, Culture and Tourism of the Kingdom of Cambodia

The Committee for Education, Religion, Culture and Tourism (abbreviated as CERCT) shall be referred to as the "Seventh Committee" of the Senate.

CERCT monitors the legislation adopted by the National Assembly and implemented by the Royal Government with

regard to the issues under its jurisdiction.

CERCT fulfills its role as a coordinator for the Senate between the National Assembly and the Royal Government. It reaches out to the public and mediates specific issues within its authority as prescribed by the Senate.

CERCT reviews draft laws and proposed laws, and resolutions and recommends the Senate Standing Committee whether to:

- Reject,
- Deliberate, or
- Consider on an urgent basis.

CERCT shall have the rights to cultivate close relations and work in cooperation with its counterparts at the National Assembly, the Royal Government, and at any local institution in order to gather information and other materials of service to the Senate.

CERCT shall have the rights to build relations and request assistance from other organizations after it has been authorized to do so verbally or in writing by the Senate Standing Committee. A report shall be lodged with the Senate Standing Committee after such a relationship has been established.

Roles and Duties of the Committee for Public Health, Social Welfare and Labor, and Women Affairs & War Veterans of the Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia

The Committee for Public Health, Social Welfare and Labor, Women Affairs & War Veterans (abbreviated as PUSEVET) shall be referred to as the "Eighth Committee" of the Senate.

PUSEVET shall play the following roles and fulfills the obligations to:

- Provide support to the Senate Standing Committee in the moderation of disputes and conflicts between the Royal Government and the National Assembly within the limits of its authority.
- Monitor, study, discuss, evaluate, and review the substance of draft laws and proposed laws, and resolutions sent from the Senate Standing Committee.

PUSEVET shall have the following duties to:

- Provide assistance to the Senate Standing Committee in the review of draft laws and proposed laws, and resolutions regarding public health, social welfare and labor, women affairs & war veterans.

PUSEVET shall respond to the Senate Standing Committee for consideration and decision.

- Provide assistance to the Senate Standing Committee in monitoring the functioning of government institutions with the aim of ensuring consistency between the Constitution and other laws of the land. This shall be done to better understanding the issues of problems related to its expertise. PUSEVET shall report to the Senate Standing Committee.
- Play a coordination role in the search for solutions between the legislative and executive branches within its mandate and for the benefit of the entire national society.

PUSEVET shall have the authority to:

- Initiate relations and cooperation between concerned Ministries (public health, social welfare and labor, women

- affairs & war veterans) with the aim of promoting the livelihood and health of the population.
- Protect the rights and interests of the Cambodian people within the limit of the law and within the above fields.
  - Maintain good relations with the other eight Senate Committees and with other institutions of the Royal Government outside of its expertise.

Roles and Duties of the Committee for Public Works, Transport, Post & Telecommunications, Industry, Energy and Commerce of the Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia

The Committee for Public Works, Transport, Post & Telecommunications, Industry, Energy and Commerce (abbreviated as PUWOTCIEC) shall be referred to as the "Ninth Committee" of the Senate.

PUWOTCIEC shall play the role of a coordinator. It shall argue and promote the efficiency of the implementation of the Constitution and other laws with regard to public works, post and telecommunications, industry, energy, and commerce.

PUWOTCIEC shall have the following duties to:

- A. Study, research, and gather information concerning its expertise as coordinator.
- B. Review and provide advice on draft laws and proposed laws, and resolutions to the Senate Standing Committee.
- C. Report and argue on draft laws and proposed laws on the floor of the plenary session of the Senate.
- D. Cooperate with institutions or authors of draft laws and proposed laws and enable them to testify and argue.
- E. Review complaints and search for solutions to complaints in connection with the expertise of PUWOTCIEC, within its legislative framework, duties, and authority.
- F. Prepare draft laws or amendments and other resolutions within the legislative power of the Senate.
- G. Cultivate relations with other Senate Committees, institutions of the Royal Government, and judiciary organizations in order to make informed decisions about draft laws and proposed laws, and other resolutions.
- H. Fulfill any other obligation covering public works, transportation, post and telecommunications, industry, energy, or commerce as deemed necessary by the Senate Standing Committee.