

B: Royal Decree establishing the Supreme Council on National Culture

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We,

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Socheathi Visothipong Akamohaborohrathn Nikarodom Dhamikmoharaja
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having regard to:

- the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia,
- the Decree of 1 November 1993 establishing the Royal Government,
- the Decree of 24 September 1993 nominating the First Prime Minister and the Second Prime Minister of the Council of Ministers,
- the Kram n° 2/NS/ of 20 July 1994 establishing and defining the functioning of the Council of Ministers,
- Decision n° 25/SSR of 27 August 1993 of the provisional Royal Government of Cambodia concerning the establishment of the Supreme Council on National Culture,
- the proposal of the two Prime Ministers, and the Minister of State for Culture and Fine Arts, Territorial Management, Urban Planning and Construction

Declare

Article 1:

The new membership of the Supreme Council on National Culture, established by Decision n° 25/SSR of 27 August 1993 of the Provisional Government of Cambodia, shall be as follows:

1. the First Prime Minister, Co-President,
2. the Second Prime Minister, Co-President,
3. the Minister of State for Culture and Fine Arts, Territorial Management, Urban Planning and Construction, Vice-President;

4. the Minister of Public Works and Transport, or his representative, member;
5. the Minister of the Economy and Finance, or his representative, member;
6. the Minister of Culture and Fine Arts, or his representative, member;
7. the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, or his representative, member;
8. the Minister of Tourism, or his representative, member;
9. the Minister of the Environment, or his representative, member;
10. the Minister of Planning, or his representative, member;
11. the Secretary-General of the Cambodian Development Council, or his representative, member;
12. the Governor of the province of Siem Reap, or his representative, member;
13. a Representative of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, member.

Article 2:

The Supreme Council on National Culture may, in case of need, invite ministries, representatives of the National Assembly and representatives of national and international institutions whose activities concern the field of national culture to participate in its work.

Article 3:

The Supreme Council on National Culture is in charge of:

- a) examining cultural sites and historic monuments and listing them as national cultural heritage;
 - b) protecting historic cultural property and antiquities of a physical nature;
 - c) administering and controlling the regions where listed monuments are situated, together with the collections of art objects associated with them;
 - d) delivering authorizations for studies, archaeological excavations and conservation activities and carrying out other interventions concerning all the sites of monuments and the cultural property of the Nation;
 - e) administering these historic sites in order to protect the national heritage.
- To this end, it is necessary to:
- draw up a policy for the enhancement of the heritage;
 - organize facilities to allow the public access to the heritage;
 - appoint supervisory and other staff to carry out this work;
 - organize a tourist network;
 - f) promoting cultural values, mobilizing the necessary funds, educating the public, training, and carrying out research on the cultural and historic heritage;
 - g) providing guarantees concerning the management responsibilities and obligations laid down by the cultural conventions and other normative instruments to which Cambodia is party;

h) taking the necessary steps to execute projects and any other action relating to the protection, preservation, restoration, and enhancement of the national heritage.

Article 4:

The members of the Supreme Council on National Culture shall meet at the invitation of the Co-Presidents.

Article 5:

The Co-Presidents of the Supreme Council on National Culture shall establish a permanent secretariat at the Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts. This secretariat shall be directed by the Minister of Culture and Fine Arts.

Article 6:

The Supreme Council on National Culture shall use the seal of the Council of Ministers.

Article 7:

The rules of procedure of the Supreme Council on National Culture shall be defined by *Anukret*.

Article 8:

The First Prime Minister, the Second Prime Minister, and the Ministers concerned shall be responsible for the execution of the present decree.

Article 9:

The present decree shall come into effect from the date of its signature.

Phnom Penh, 19 February 1995

Signed: Norodom Sihanouk

Nady Tan
Secretary-General for the Royal Government

(unofficial translation)