

A DECLARATION OF SOLIDARITY

In support of the 60 million Cambodians, Laotians, Thais and Vietnamese whose lives and livelihoods are threatened by the Xayaburi hydropower project, the first dam on the mainstream of the lower Mekong River.

Recognising:

- That the Xayaburi hydropower project in Lao PDR is one of the potentially most damaging dams currently under construction anywhere in the world.
- That the dam constitutes the greatest trans-boundary threat to date to food security, sustainable development and regional cooperation in the lower Mekong River basin.
- That the Xayaburi project's Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) does not meet any internationally-accepted standards.
- That the project has violated the 1995 Mekong Agreement, signed by Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam, by not completing the Mekong River Commission's Procedure of Notification, Prior Consultation and Agreement (PNPCA), which is mandatory for all mainstream projects on the lower Mekong River, thus jeopardizing the capacity of the MRC to achieve its mission: "To promote and coordinate sustainable management and development of water and related resources for the countries' mutual benefit and the people's well-being".
- That Cambodia and Viet Nam have never approved of the project, and that position has not changed.
- That there are no internationally-accepted, technologically-proven solutions for mitigating the Xayaburi dam's impacts on fish migrations and sediment flows.
- That according to the developer's schedule, construction of the dam across the main body of the river will start around February, 2015, thereby causing major irreversible ecological and hydrological impacts on the entire lower Mekong River basin system.

We, the undersigned international, national and local civil society organisations, hereby resolve to:

- Set a one-year deadline to stop construction of the Xayaburi dam by February, 2015 when the dam construction is expected to cause irreversible harm.
- Support the Government of Viet Nam's official response to the MRC's prior consultation process on 15 April, 2011 in which Viet Nam strongly requested "that the decision on the Xayaburi Hydropower Project as well as all other planned hydropower projects on the Mekong mainstream be deferred for at least 10 years...",

a recommendation previously articulated by the MRC's 2010 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the proposed mainstream dams.

- Call upon the Royal Thai Government to cancel the Power Purchase Agreement relating to the Xayaburi hydropower project in recognition of the objections raised by Cambodia and Viet Nam, and the project's failure to complete the MRC's prior notification and agreement process.

Signed by:

International

Both ENDS
Earthrights International
International Rivers
Mangrove Action Project
Mekong Watch
WWF

Vietnam

GreenID
Law and Policy of Sustainable Development
Research Center
PanNature
The Center for Water Resources Conservation
and Development (WARECOD)
Vietnam Rivers Network

Australia

Mekong Monitor Tasmania

Thailand

Community Resource Centre
Focus on the Global South
Foundation for Integrated Water Management
Green World Foundation
Living River Siam Association
Mekong River Network
Mekong Energy and Ecology Network (MEE
Net)
Northern River Network
Seub Nakhasathien Foundation
Siamensis Group

Cambodia

NGO Forum on Cambodia
3S Rivers Protection Network (3SPN)
The Cambodian Human Rights and
Development Association (ADHOC)
Conservation & Development on Cambodia
(CDCam)
Cambodian Community Development - Kratie
Community Economic Development
Community Environment Protection
Association (CEPA)
Cambodian Rural Development Team
Fisheries Action Coalition Team (FACT)
Khmer Farmer Association
Malup Promeatoa Centre
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Ponlok Khmer
Society for Action and Change for Rural
Education and Development (SACRED)
Save Cambodia's Wildlife (SCW)
Save the Vulnerables Cambodia