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## ORAL STATEMENT

Item 10 Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia

### CAMBODIA: URGENT NEED TO ADDRESS CONCERNS

UN Human Rights Council  
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Mr. President,

Amnesty International agrees with the Special Rapporteur that there is a need to address a quagmire of concerns in Cambodia. We call on Cambodian authorities to immediately release all human rights defenders detained for the peaceful exercise of their human rights and to amend or repeal repressive laws in accordance with the country's international human rights obligations.

We remain concerned about slavery, human trafficking and torture in Cambodia's scamming compounds. This year we identified more than 50 scamming compounds across the country. The government's woefully ineffective response and failure to meet its obligations to adequately prevent and investigate the scamming crisis demonstrates its acquiescence and points towards complicity in the human rights abuse taking place.

Amnesty International calls on Cambodian authorities to investigate and shut down all scamming compounds and properly identify, assist and protect all victims and provide support and remedy to them. We urge the government to invite the Special Rapporteur and other Special Procedure mechanisms including those working on contemporary forms of slavery, trafficking in persons and torture to visit the scamming compounds identified in our report as well as shelters housing rescued victims.

Lastly, we ask the Special Rapporteur how UN agencies and bodies present in Cambodia including OHCHR could play a greater role in scrutinizing human violations and supporting human rights defenders.

Thank you