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CAMBODIA RANKED 112 OUT OF 113 COUNTRIES ON RULE OF LAW

*2016 World Justice Project Rule of Law Index Measures How Rule of Law
Is Experienced by the General Public Worldwide*

WASHINGTON, DC (20 October 2016) – The World Justice Project (WJP) today released the *WJP Rule of Law Index® 2016*, the annual report measuring how the rule of law is experienced by the general public worldwide. According to the Index, Cambodia’s overall rule of law performance places it at 15 out of 15 countries in the East Asia and Pacific region*, 28 out of 28 among lower-middle income countries, and 112 out of 113 countries and jurisdictions worldwide.

The *WJP Rule of Law Index* is the world’s leading source for original data on the rule of law. The 2016 edition expands coverage to 113 countries and jurisdictions (from 102 in 2015), relying on more than 100,000 household and expert surveys to measure how the rule of law is experienced in practical, everyday situations by the general public worldwide. Performance is measured using 44 indicators across eight primary rule of law factors, each of which is scored and ranked globally and against regional and income peers: **Constraints on Government Powers, Absence of Corruption, Open Government, Fundamental Rights, Order and Security, Regulatory Enforcement, Civil Justice, and Criminal Justice.**

The top three overall performers in the *WJP Rule of Law Index 2016* were Denmark (1), Norway (2), and Finland (3); the bottom three were Afghanistan (111), Cambodia (112), and Venezuela (113). In the East Asia and Pacific region, the top performer was New Zealand; the bottom performer was Cambodia.

The complete 2016 report—including online data visualizations and download options— is available on October 20 at: www.worldjusticeproject.org/rule-of-law-index

“Effective rule of law is the foundation for communities of peace, equity, and opportunity,” said William H. Neukom, WJP Founder and CEO. “No country has ever attained—let alone sustained—a perfect realization of the rule of law. The *WJP Rule of Law Index* is intended to be a first step in setting benchmarks, informing and guiding reforms, and deepening appreciation and understanding for the foundational importance of the rule of law.”

CAMBODIA RANKINGS

WJP Rule of Law Index 2016 performance (1 is best)

CAMBODIA OVERALL GLOBAL RANK: 112/113

CAMBODIA OVERALL REGIONAL RANK*: 15/15

FACTOR	REGIONAL RANK*	INCOME RANK**	GLOBAL RANK
Constraints on Government Powers	15/15	26/28	109/113
Absence of Corruption	15/15	27/28	111/113
Open Government	15/15	27/28	112/113
Fundamental Rights	13/15	24/28	103/113
Order and Security	15/15	16/28	81/113
Regulatory Enforcement	15/15	28/28	112/113
Civil Justice	15/15	28/28	113/113
Criminal Justice	15/15	24/28	104/113

*Countries measured in the East Asia and Pacific region: Australia, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong SAR, China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam

** Lower-middle income countries: Bangladesh, Bolivia, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, El Salvador, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Zambia

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The World Justice Project (WJP) is an independent, multidisciplinary organization working to advance the rule of law around the world. Effective rule of law reduces corruption, combats poverty and disease, and protects people from injustices large and small. It is the foundation for communities of peace, opportunity, and equity—underpinning development, accountable government, and respect for fundamental rights. Learn more at: www.worldjusticeproject.org

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