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Ministry of Economy and Finance

No: 9300 MEF.

Phnom Penh, December 4, 2014

To: **Senior Minister in charge of Special Mission  
and Chairman of the National AIDS Authority**

Subject: The request for the counterpart budget from the Royal Government in cooperation framework with the Global Fund to fight AIDS for 2015-2017 in accordance with the New Funding Model.

Reference: Letter No. 579 NAA dated October 31, 2014 of the Chairman of the National AIDS Authority.

In connection with the above-mentioned subject and reference, I would like to inform Your Excellency Senior Minister that the counterpart budget that the Global Fund has asked the Royal Government of Cambodia to partially contribute in purchasing ARV drugs has gained the approval as the Royal Government can contribute as requested in order to align with the new funding model set by GFATM. In this sense, the Ministry of Economy and Finance will request the Ministry of Health to partially earmark its budget of one million US dollars to purchase ARV drugs in 2015 as the National Budget Bill for 2015 has planned to allocate 300,218.2 million riels to the Ministry of Health for purchasing drugs; and within the amount of money, the Ministry of Health can partially earmark its budget of 1 million US dollars.

Furthermore, regarding the obligation to contribute the amount of 1.2 and 1.5 million US dollars in 2016 and 2017 respectively, the Ministry of Health may incorporate in its annual budget plan to purchase the ARV drugs in its annual respective budget proposal.

Please, Your Excellency Senior Minister, be kindly informed.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Minister of Economy and Finance

Signed and Sealed: **Dr. Aun Pornmoniroth**

*CC: The Ministry of Health*