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## **Ambassador Demands Tough Action Against “Irresponsible” Pressure Group**

The Ambassador of Cambodia in the United Kingdom is calling on donor countries which fund the international pressure group, Global Witness, to stop supporting the organization until it adopts a more responsible attitude.

Ambassador Hor Nambora is also urging countries to refuse entry permits to representatives of Global Witness.

Ambassador Hor’s comments are in response to the pressure group demanding that the British Government should have revoked the visa granted this week to the Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen who’s visiting the United Kingdom - in protest at what it alleges is high-level corruption and widespread human rights abuses in Cambodia.

Ambassador Hor says the claims are completely unfounded and part of a well-orchestrated and increasingly malicious campaign by Global Witness to try and discredit legitimately-elected governments - particularly in southeast Asia and Africa.

"For far too long Global Witness has been getting away with presenting totally false information as facts," he said.

"The organization operates in an irresponsible and devious way mistakenly believing it is free to make whatever accusations it chooses without having to produce the evidence - or face the consequences of its damaging smears.

"It's time that the international community made a stand against Global Witness by refusing to fund the organization and banning visits by its representatives.

"Global Witness needs to return swiftly to its original purpose which was to comment on environmental issues. Getting itself embroiled in sensitive political matters in respect of sovereign countries serves no useful purpose."

Ambassador Hor said the Cambodian Prime Minister was visiting the UK in a private capacity and it was therefore completely inappropriate for Global Witness to pass comment.

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