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	<p>The Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Security Sector Governance (IPF-SSG) in Southeast Asia aims to promote ongoing dialogue between Southeast Asian parliamentarians, with the intention of increasing civilian oversight, public accountability and national parliamentary involvement in security sector governance. The Forum features dialogue, publications and workshops which elaborate on systemic and current affairs issues related to parliamentary oversight of the security sector in Southeast Asia. Participants include: members of parliament; parliamentary staffers; government and security sector officials; academic experts and civil society representatives from Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand; as well as representatives of the ASEAN Secretariat and international experts. Supported by the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control (DCAF) and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung's (FES) Singapore-based Office for Regional Cooperation in Southeast Asia, the Forum is led by a Steering Committee, consisting of members of parliament of the each of the aforementioned countries.</p> <p>The goals of the IPF-SSG in Southeast Asia are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ To promote the parliamentary dimension of security sector governance in Southeast Asia; ❖ To promote an improved understanding of the role that parliaments can play in security sector governance; ❖ To foster a regional dialogue on the role of parliaments in security sector governance and to encourage regional confidence-building through greater parliamentary involvement in SSG.
	<p>The Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP) is an independent, neutral, and non-partisan research institute based in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. CICP promotes both domestic and regional dialogue between government officials, national and international organizations, scholars, and the private sector on issues of peace, democracy, civil society, security, foreign policy, conflict resolution, economics and national development.</p> <p>CICP's mission statement can be defined as pursuing goals within five target areas.</p> <p>In this regard, the institute endeavors to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ enhance the ability of government officials and the public to make informed decisions about public policy; ❖ participate in and to promote regional and international cooperation; ❖ advocate human rights and advance democracy within civil society in Cambodia; ❖ promote peace and cooperation among Cambodians, as well as between Cambodians and others on a regional and international basis; <p>conduct research on development issues that concern Cambodia, as well</p>

	as disseminate the resulting research findings.
	<p>Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) Office for Regional Cooperation in Southeast Asia and East Asia</p> <p>The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) was founded in 1925 as a political legacy of Germany’s first democratically elected president, Friedrich Ebert. Since the beginning of the foundation's work in South, Southeast and East Asia the focus has been the promotion of democracy and the strengthening of the social dimension of economic development. In the past few years, the international dialogue within Asia as well as between Asia and Europe, and the issue of crisis prevention have gained important stakes in the work of the foundation. In its work the foundation co-operates with a number of governmental institutions, trade unions, political parties, social movements, NGOs, media and scientific institutions, as well as international organizations.</p> <p>The role of the Office for Regional Co-operation in Southeast Asia based in Singapore is to support the social dimension of Southeast and East Asian co-operation and integration, the Asia-Europe dialogue and partnership activities in the ASEAN member states Cambodia and Laos where there are no FES offices. The office’s activities include dialogue programmes, international and regional conferences (e.g. on economic and social policy, regional integration and comprehensive security), Asia-Europe exchanges, research, as well as programmes with trade unions</p>
	<p>The Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) is one of the world’s leading institutions in the areas of security sector reform (SSR) and security sector governance (SSG).</p> <p>DCAF provides in-country advisory support and practical assistance programmes, develops and promotes appropriate democratic norms at the international and national levels, advocates good practices and makes policy recommendations to ensure effective democratic governance of the security sector.</p> <p>DCAF’s advantages are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ neutrality and impartiality; ❖ the combination of strong operational capability with policy-oriented research; ❖ flexibility and intergovernmental support; ❖ expertise across the entire spectrum of SSR / SSG issues. <p>DCAF was established in 2000 by the Swiss government. DCAF is an international foundation with 50 Member States. DCAF’s main divisions are Research, Operations and Special Programmes. The staff numbers over 70 employees from more than 30 countries. DCAF’s head office is located in Geneva, Switzerland. The Centre also has permanent offices in Brussels, Ljubljana and Ramallah.</p>