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To the attention to: Ulrike Lunacek,
Ryszard Czarnecki, Speakers on Sept. 14
committee for foreign affairs,
Birgitt Siepel

Hagen, Germany Sept. 17 2017

In the matter of Laos, notably the cases of Somphone Phimmason, Lod Thammavong and Soukane Chaithad

Dear members of the Foreign Affairs Committee,
Dear Members of the European Parliament,

In the name of the Alliance for Democracy in Laos and the people of Laos who are fighting for democracy and human rights, we were very pleased that the European Parliament passed the resolution (2017/2831 (RSP) on Sept. 14 2017).

We see that the European Parliament is a model for the political activity of all democrats in the world. Furthermore, the European Parliament is a hope for all people who are fighting for democracy and human rights in Laos. The struggle for democracy in Laos is currently under extremely difficult conditions.

In the past, it has always been difficult for us to get international aid as the largest democracy movement for Laos. Many consider Laos as an insignificant country in Southeast Asia, but in fact Laos is an important key country that plays a role in the region's macho-pot for the neighboring countries. Thus it is clear that all problems, such as land raids, corruption, trafficking in human beings, environmental destruction and much more can only be tackled by a democratic process in Laos, because this is the only way to make such processes transparent and human-friendly.

This resolution is a great support for all democracy advocates and it is a big hope that the government of Laos has to move their politics to a genuine democracy process and more human rights, by the international pressure. At this point, it should be mentioned again that we support 100% of its resolution.

Our organization would like to support the European Parliament in consultations with the representatives of the Government and the Laos Parliament by providing direct information to members of the EP on the information we receive from the people of Laos, our staff and our partners.

As an NGO and a democracy movement for Laos, registered in Europe, we would also like to participate in the EU-ASEAN dialogue as a citizen movement and to support it.

Yours faithfully



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