



Royal Decree

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Preah Karona Preah Bath Samdech Preah Boromneah Norodom Sihamoni

**Saman Phoum Cheat Sasna Rokhathiya Khemrarotheas Pouthitreathoramohaksat
Khemreach Chorna Samohorpheas Kampuch Ekreach Roth Boronaksanthi Sophekolea
Sereivibolea Khemrasreipireash Preahchau Krong Kampuchea**

- Having seen the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia
- Having seen the Royal Decree No. NS/RKT/0913/903, dated 24 September 2013, on the Appointment of the Royal Government of Cambodia
- Having seen the Royal Kram No. 02/NS/94, dated 20 July 1994, promulgating the Law on the Organization and Functioning of the Council of Ministers
- Having seen the Royal Kram No. NS/RKM/0196/08, dated 24 January 1996, promulgating the Law on the Establishment of the Ministry of Interior
- Having seen the Royal Kram No. NS/RKM/0301/05, dated 19 March 2001, promulgating the Law on the Management of the Commune/Sangkat Administrations
- Having Seen the Royal Kram No. NS/RKM/0508/17, dated 24 May 2008, promulgating the Law on the Management of the Capital/Provincial, City/District/Khan Administrations
- As per the request of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo **Hun Sen**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia

Hereby Decides

CHAPTER 1

General Provisions

Article 1

“**The National Steering Committee for Civil Registration, Vital Statistics and Identification**”, abbreviated as “NSCI” is formed to facilitate the implementation of the National Strategic Plan on Identification 2017-2026.

CHAPTER 2

Composition

Article 2

NSCI has the following composition:

- Minister of Interior	Chairman
- Secretary of State of the Ministry of Interior in charge of identification	Vice Chairman
- Secretary of State of the Office of the Council of Ministers	Member
- Secretary of State of the Ministry of Economy and Finance	Member
- Secretary of State of the Ministry of Planning	Member
- Secretary of State of the Ministry of Health	Member
- Secretary of State of the Ministry of Justice	Member
- Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation	Member
- Secretary of State of Ministry of Post and Telecommunications	Member
- Director General of the General Department of Identification	Permanent Member

Besides the above members, NSCI may request to include more members as the secretaries of state of relevant line ministries as necessary.

The actual composition of NSCI shall be appointed by the government's sub-decree.

Each member shall attend a meeting upon invitation from the Chairman of NSCI. If a member cannot attend the meeting, that member shall appoint an authorized representative to attend the meeting on their behalf.

NSCI may invite the secretaries of state of relevant line ministries to join the meetings, discussions or cooperation as necessary.

CHAPTER 3

Roles and Duties of NSCI

Article 3

NSCI as an inter-ministerial mechanism at the national level helps the government to lead and coordinate the cooperation and support from relevant line ministries, national and international organizations, private sector, local mechanisms and any relevant countries to promote and implement the national identification reform, especially related to civil registration and vital statistics.

Article 4

NSCI has the following main duties:

- Encourage the implementation of national policies, laws, regulations and international conventions, covenants and treaties in which Cambodia is a signatory concerning civil registration, identification and vital statistics.
- Coordinate, lead and guide the implementation of the National Strategic Plan on Identification 2017 – 2026.
- Initiate the development of and the amendment to laws and regulations to provide appropriate environment for the development of the identification management system using telecommunications and information technology.
- Ensure consistency between the reform of the identification management system and the Decentralization and Deconcentration and other government’s reforms to improve the effectiveness of identification service delivery at all levels.
- Create coordination forums between the government and the development partners to coordinate the cooperation and support for the implementation of the National Strategic Plan on Identification.
- Issue necessary guidelines and decisions on work related to civil registration, identification and vital statistics.
- Consult and coordinate with relevant line ministries whose work is related to identification to support the development of the integrated system for population identification.
- Based on the National Strategic Plan on Identification 2017-2026, action plans and annual budget shall be prepared.
- Examine the creation of new roles, improvement of some roles of institutions whose work is related to identification and decide on the development and use of Information and Communication Technology based solutions.
- Ensure the creation of valuable and reliable sources of information from all the people in the Kingdom of Cambodia, which then become accurate population data to serve public and private sectors.
- Monitor the progress and the actual implementation to ensure that all activities are carried out properly so as to prevent failure.
- Make reports on the implementation of the laws, regulations related to civil registration, identification and vital statistics and the progress and challenges in the implementation of the National Strategic Plan on Identification 2017-2026 to the government once a year.
- Fulfill other duties assigned by the government.

CHAPTER 4

Functioning of NSCI

NSCI shall have a meeting in every six months to review key indicators from the implementation of the National Strategic Plan on Identification and address challenges faced.

If necessary, **NSCI** may convene extraordinary meeting at the invitation of the Chair. Formality for **NSCI**’s meeting shall be provided in the internal rules of NSCI.

NSCI shall develop and adopt the working formalities and internal rules in its very first meeting.

Article 6:

NSCI shall prepare annual summary activity report and propose recommendations to the Royal Government at the end of every year.

Article 7:

NSCI is entitled to invite representatives of relevant ministries/agencies, NGOs, international organizations and development partners to participate in its meeting to provide inputs or serve as observers as necessary.

Article 8:

General Department of Identification will serve as the Secretariat of NSCI. The Secretariat will propose to establish “**The National Technical Program Implementation Team or TPIT**” to support the Secretariat in the implementation of the National Strategic Plan on Identification.

The organization and functioning of **TPIT** will be determined by **NSCI**.

Article 9:

NSCI will use the seal of the Ministry of Interior.

Article 10:

NSCI may appoint and engage a number of national and international consultants as necessary to support **NSCI** and **TPIT**.

CHAPTER

Sources of Resources

Article 11:

NSCI will develop action and budget plan to implement the National Strategic Plan on Identification, 2017-2026.

Resources of **NSCI** are provided in the budget package of the Ministry of Interior and may receive funding from international development partners.

CHAPTER 6

Final Provision

Article 12:

Any provision contradicting this Royal Degree is nullified.

Article 13:

Samdech Aka Moha Sena Padei Techo **Hun Sen**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia is tasked to implement this Royal Decree from the date of the signature.

Royal Palace, Feb 09, 2017

Signature and Seal

Norodom Sihamoni

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Informed His Majesty the King

to please sign

Prime Minister

Signature

Samdech Aka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen

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Phnom Penh, Feb 15, 2017

Secretary General of the Royal Government

(Signature and Seal)

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