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**Outcomes of the participation of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen in the  
73<sup>rd</sup> Session of United Nations General Assembly**

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On 28 September 2018, Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, led a delegation to attend the General Debate of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York, the United States of America.

At the General Debate, as Head of the newly elected 6<sup>th</sup> mandate Royal Government of Cambodia, Samdech Techo Prime Minister made a statement highlighting the new images of Cambodia with stable democratic process and remarkable socio-economic achievements following the attainment of full peace and stability which prevail all over the country. He underlined the government's continued commitment to enhance people's well-being in line with the soon to be adopted "Cambodian Sustainable Development Goals."

On international affairs, Samdech Techo Prime Minister raised concerns about the threat of unilateralism that has undermined multilateral system, hindered global efforts to address SDGs, to tackle climate change and other common security challenges. Samdech Techo Prime Minister appealed for respect of the UN Charter and avoidance of domestic interference in the pretext of political rights protection. He raised specific case of Cambodia where some external circles, who have fed on ambition to interfere in the domestic affairs of Cambodia, still fail to see the quality and integrity of our election process by issuing statements against or attacking the election outcome. Such actions are a serious assault on the will of the Cambodian people.



On conflict prevention, Samdech Techo Prime Minister also reflected Cambodia's active contribution to support the UN peacekeeping operations worldwide despite risking lives of its troops.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister also met with H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations. The Secretary-General hailed Cambodia's achievement of peace and socio-economic development and its active role in supporting the UN's system. Samdech Techo Prime Minister reaffirmed Cambodia's continued support peacekeeping mission and proposed the continuation of the current procedure regarding the contribution to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC). Samdech Techo Prime Minister thanked the Secretary-General for his support to Cambodia and expressed Cambodia's readiness to further enhance cooperation with the UN especially when Cambodia undertakes dual roles as Vice President of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly and a member of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for 2019. Manifesting Cambodia's strong political will and consistent commitment to promotion of human rights and democracy, Samdech Techo Prime Minister informed the Secretary-General on Cambodia's approval to extend the term of MoU, which will expire at the end of this year, to allow the field presence of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) for another two years.

On the sideline, Samdech Techo Prime Minister met bilaterally with H.E. Mr. Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, and H.E. Mr. BOYKO Borissov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria, who both congratulated Samdech Techo Prime Minister's reelection. They exchanged views on promotion of friendship and bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister also thanked Nepal for sending observers to witness Cambodia's sixth legislative elections. Samdech Techo Prime Minister confirmed his attendance at the meeting of the Centrist Democrat International (CDI) in tandem with a visit to Nepal in the end of November 2018.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister extended high appreciation to Bulgaria's role in the past when the latter assisted Cambodia following the liberation from the Pol Pot genocidal regime and went on to contribute to peacekeeping operation in Cambodia after the Paris Agreements. Samdech Techo Prime Minister informed his counterpart about



Cambodia's scheduled re-opening of its embassy in Sofia in 2019 and about Cambodia's intent to host the Asia-Europe Summit in 2020. The Prime Minister of Bulgaria welcomed the reopening of the embassy and agreed to the proposal to host the Asia-Europe Summit in Cambodia.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister also interacted with private sector. He met with representatives of General Electric (GE) Global Growth and presided over the signing of Memorandum of Understanding with GE Foundation for the Implementation of Safe Surgery 2020. He also met with Mr. Alexander Feldman, President & CEO of the US-ASEAN Business Council, to discuss on business promotion cooperation.

While accompanying Samdech Techo Prime Minister, H.E. Deputy Prime Minister Prak Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, chaired the General Debate in Cambodia's historical role as the Vice President of the 73<sup>rd</sup> UNGA, and also held a series of bilateral talks with his counterparts as follows:

- H.E. Mr. Ivica Dacic, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, congratulated the successful elections of Cambodia, and pledged to continue supporting Cambodia at international frameworks. Both sides took note of the upcoming 2nd round of political consultations between the two foreign ministries on 20 November 2018 in Phnom Penh, which aims to further deepen cooperation in many fields.
- The meetings with Senator the Hon. Marise Payne, Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, H.E. Mr. Sven Mikser, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia, and Rt Hon Mark Field, United Kingdom Minister of State for Asia and the Pacific, focused on exploring further possibilities of enhancing bilateral and multilateral cooperation of mutual benefits.
- H.E. Mr. Peter Szijjarto, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Hungary, congratulated the recent successful election of Cambodia and expressed readiness to welcome H.E. Deputy Prime Minister's official visit in Budapest in December 2018. Hungary stands ready to increase the number of scholarships for Cambodian students and welcomed the proposed cooperation between diplomatic institutes of the two foreign ministries. H.E. Deputy Prime Minister welcomed the opening of Hungary's diplomatic representative office in Phnom Penh by the end of this year.



- In the meeting with H.E. Mr. Zohrab Mnatsakanyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Armenia, both sides affirmed their interest in further developing practical cooperation in agro-business, IT and education. The Ministers signed MoU on the Establishment of Bilateral Consultations between the two foreign ministries, which aims to further facilitate interaction and broaden fruitful cooperation in many fields. H.E. Mr. Zohrab Mnatsakanyan expressed support for Cambodia's engagement with the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), particularly the prospect for development of free trade agreement between Cambodia and EAEU. Armenia looks forward to welcoming Cambodia's high-level delegation to the International Organization of La Francophonie Summit in October 2018 in Armenia. *g*

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