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Outcomes of the Official Visit of Her Excellency Dr. Adaljiza Albertina Xavier Reis Magno,

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste,

to the Kingdom of Cambodia

on 26-29 January 2022

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At the invitation of His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Her Excellency Dr. Adaljiza Albertina Xavier Reis Magno, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, paid an official visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia from 26 to 29 January 2022 in order to promote and strengthen bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries. The visit coincides with this year's celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the Kingdom Cambodia and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

During the visit, Her Excellency Dr. Adaljiza Albertina Xavier Reis Magno paid a courtesy call on Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia. In the call, Samdech Techo Prime Minister proposed some initiatives of bilateral cooperation for Timor-Leste to take into consideration, including the Agreement on Protection of Investments; Free Trade Agreement; and the Agreement on the Avoidance of Double Taxation between the two countries.

Her Excellency minister also had a bilateral meeting with His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn.

Both Foreign Ministers noted with satisfaction the close relations of friendship, and current development of cooperation in the areas of trade and investment, tourism, education and human resources development and health over the past two decades.

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On trade and investment, both sides agreed on the need to resume momentum in trade activities and cooperation by encouraging their respective relevant institutions to effectively implement the existing signed documents: (1) Memorandum of Understanding on Economic, Commercial and Technical Cooperation, (2) Agreement on Technical and Economic Cooperation, and (3) Memorandum of Agreement between the Chambers of Commerce of the two countries. They also encouraged the acceleration of the negotiation on pending MoUs/Agreements on Tourism Sector, Trade, Education, and Air Service.

For the cooperation on fighting against COVID-19, both Foreign Ministers congratulated each other for successfully containing the spread of COVID-19 pandemic in their respective countries and for gradually opening their countries by living and adapting to the "new normal". The Foreign Minister of Timor-Leste renewed her government's gratitude to the Royal Government and people of Cambodia for providing masks and medical equipment to her country during the Covid-19 pandemic in late 2020.

His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn accepted the invitation of Her Excellency minister to pay an official visit to Timor-Leste at a convenient time.

On regional and international cooperation, the two Foreign Ministers also exchanged views on issues of common interests and expressed their full support for each other in multilateral fora. Specifically, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister reaffirmed Cambodia's support for Timor-Leste's application for ASEAN membership. Her Excellency Adaljiza Magno highly appreciated Cambodia's continuous support for Timor-Leste's accession to ASEAN and wished Cambodia a successful ASEAN Chairmanship in 2022.

During the visit, Her Excellency Dr. Adaljiza Magno also had a meeting with His Excellency SOK Chenda Sophea, Minister attached to the Prime Minister and Secretary General of the Council for the Development of Cambodia.

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