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Press Release Outcomes of the 32nd ASEAN Summit 27-28 April, Singapore

Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, led a high-level delegation to attend the 32nd ASEAN Summit under the theme "Resilient and Innovative ASEAN" held in Singapore on 27-28 April 2018, at the invitation of His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore and Chair of the ASEAN Summit.

At the Summit, the Leaders reaffirmed the importance of maintaining ASEAN centrality and unity in ASEAN's Community-Building efforts and engagement with external partners and welcomed initiatives that would serve to reinforce an ASEAN-centric regional architecture that is open, transparent, inclusive, and would build upon ASEAN-led mechanisms. They are committed to maintaining and promoting peace, security and stability in the region, as well as to the peaceful resolution of disputes, without resorting to the threat or use of force, in accordance with the universally recognized principles of international law including 1982 UNCLOS.

The Leaders had a fruitful discussion and committed to intensify their close cooperation on building a Resilient and Innovative ASEAN, establishment of an ASEAN Smart Cities Network, Cybersecurity Cooperation and ASEAN Extradition Treaty. The Leaders agreed to further promote innovation and e-commerce, trade and investment integration, cross-border electronic commerce and the initiative to develop the ASEAN Digital Integration Framework.

The Leaders also discussed in depth and exchanged views on recent development on a wide range of common concern. The Leaders were pleased on the moving forward on the drafting of the Code of Conduct which is conducive on building trust and confidence for all parties concerned and they looked forward to the early conclusion of the COC. On the Korean Peninsula, the Leaders were encouraged by the Inter-Korean Summit between H.E. Moon Jae-In and H.E. Kim Jong-Un and expressed hope that this milestone Summit would lead to decrease tension in the Korean Peninsula and open favorable ground to contribute to peace, security in the region and beyond. On Rakhine State issue in Myanmar, the Leaders are concerned on the humanitarian aspect. They committed their readiness to mobilise assistance through ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) and encouraged Myanmar and Bangladesh to jointly implement the voluntary return of those affected.

The Summit issued Chairman's Statement of the 32nd ASEAN Summit (as attached herewith) as well as adopted the ASEAN Leaders' Vision for a Resilient and Innovative ASEAN, Concept Note on ASEAN Smart Cities Network and ASEAN Leaders Statement on Cyber Cooperation. The Summit also noted a number of documents related to the annual work of ASEAN and the progress of the implementation of the ASEAN Political Security

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Community Blueprint, ASEAN Economic Blueprint and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint.

During the Plenary Session of the Summit, Samdech Techo Prime Minister underlined significant points on how to strengthen ASEAN. Excerpts of Samdech Techo's speech are attached herewith.

Phnom Penh, 30 April 2018

