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Outcomes of the Official Visit of Her Excellency Retno L.P. Marsudi,

Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, to the Kingdom of Cambodia

on 30 November – 01 December 2021

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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 Retno L.P. Marsudi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, led a high delegation to pay an official visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia from 30 November to 01 December 2021 in order to further promote and deepen bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries.

During the visit, Her Excellency Retno L.P. Marsudi paid a courtesy call on Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, during which she conveyed cordial greetings of His Excellency Joko Widodo, President of the Republic of Indonesia to Samdech Techo HUN SEN. Samdech Techo Prime Minister also reciprocated his warmest greetings to His Excellency Joko Widido. Her Excellency Retno L.P. Marsudi applauded Cambodia's effective control of COVID-19 pandemic and successful vaccination program as Cambodia is leading a gradual reopening of all socio-economic activities. Her Excellency Retno L.P. Marsudi also praised Cambodia's fast development in economy and infrastructure.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister praised Indonesia's active roles in regional and international fora. He also thanked Indonesia for her significant contribution to the peace process in Cambodia and stated that Her Excellency Foreign Minister's official visit to Cambodia is another milestone in Cambodia and Indonesia relations. Samdech Techo Prime Minister encourage both countries to resume direct (fights.)

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which would serve as integral part of the regional connection after it was cut off due to Covid-19 pandemic. He also encouraged Indonesian investors to explore opportunities in Cambodia in the potential areas such as agriculture and agroprocessing industry.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister and Her Excellency Retno L.P. Marsudi also exchanged views on current regional and international issues of common concerns for the sake of peace, stability and prosperity in the region and the world.

On the same day, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn and Her Excellency Retno L.P. Marsudi had an official bilateral meeting, during which both Foreign Ministers highly valued the long-standing bilateral relations between Cambodia and Indonesia which have grown in multiple areas including politics, defense and security, trade, human resource development, agriculture, infrastructure, culture, health, tourism and connectivity, based on the spirit of mutual trust, understanding and mutual benefits.

On defense cooperation, His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn highly appreciated Indonesia for the support in capacity building as well as providing training courses to the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces and the bodyguard unit of Samdech Techo Prime Minister HUN SEN.

In trade and investment cooperation, both Foreign Ministers agreed to encourage both sides to double its efforts to work closely in order to increase the trade volume. His Excellency Deputy Prime PRAK Sokhonn has strongly encouraged more Indonesian companies to invest in Cambodia due to the incentive and more favorable condition for investors with the enforcement of new investment law.

Both Ministers agreed to strengthen cooperation between the two ministries and expected the 5<sup>th</sup> JCBC meeting to be held at the earliest in Cambodia.

On regional and international cooperation, the two Foreign Ministers exchanged views on issues of common interests and expressed their full support for each other in multilateral fora, especially in the ASEAN framework, thus contributing to peace, stability and prosperity in the region and beyond. In this respect, His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn expressed his sincere thanks to Indonesia for supporting Cambodia in successfully hosting the recent 13<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit and Cambodia's ASEAN Chairman ship in 2022. In

the same vein, Her Excellency Retno L.P. Marsudi expressed gratefulness to Cambodia for supporting Indonesia's Presidency of G-20 in 2022, under the theme

"Recover Together, Recover Stronger".

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