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**“Outcomes of the Meeting between Samdech Thipadei HUN Manet and
Her Excellency Victoria Nuland, United States Acting Deputy Secretary of State”**

On 22 September 2023, Samdech Thipadei HUN Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, received Her Excellency Victoria Nuland, United States Acting Deputy Secretary of State, on the sidelines of the 78th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in New York.

Her Excellency Nuland warmly welcomed Samdech Thipadei’s visit to New York and congratulated him on his nomination as Prime Minister for the mandate of the Seventh Legislature of the National Assembly. She also said that the United States welcomed the opportunity to enhance cooperation between the two countries by working closely with Samdech Thipadei and wished to see him and Cambodia succeed.

The talks focused on ways to seek measures to enhance bilateral relations and cooperation to the next level. Her Excellency Nuland took the opportunity to inform Samdech Thipadei that the United States had decided to resume USD 18 million in assistance extended to Cambodia through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) that had been paused following this year’s general election.

The two sides discussed the issue of repatriating Cambodian nationals from the United States, with Her Excellency Nuland requesting faster procedures for receiving them in Cambodia. Samdech Thipadei responded that relevant Cambodian ministries and agencies would streamline the procedures, making them more smooth, fast, and effective. Samdech Thipadei requested the United States to take care of Cambodia nationals to be repatriated, especially those with health issues. Her Excellency Nuland said the United States had taken care of health issues and would do more to meet Samdech Thipadei’s request.

The two sides also exchanged views on areas of mutual interest. END

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