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**Outcomes of the Telephone Conversation between
His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and
International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia,
and His Excellency Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, M.P.,
Honourable Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
On 18th January, 2022**

On 18th January 2022, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, had a telephone conversation with His Excellency Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, M.P., Honourable Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

His Excellency Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, M.P., congratulated Cambodia on assuming the ASEAN Chairmanship this year and His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn on his appointment as Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar.

The two Foreign Ministers recalled the historical friendly relationship between Cambodia and Bangladesh which was founded by the Late King Father of Cambodia, His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah NORODOM SIHANOUK, Preah BOROM RATANAK KAUDH, and the Father of the Nation of Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The two Foreign Ministers noted with satisfaction the progress in bilateral cooperation following the exchange of visits between Samdech Techo Prime Minister and Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The two Foreign Ministers reaffirmed their joint commitment to working more closely to further strengthen and deepen the relations bilaterally and multilaterally, as well as to enhance mutual support in regional and international frameworks for the interests of



the two countries and for peace, security, harmony and sustainable development in the region.

His Excellency Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, M.P., sought Cambodia's continued support for Bangladesh's bid to become an ASEAN Sectoral Dialogue Partner. Honourable Foreign Minister also raised the issue of displaced people from Rakhine State, Myanmar, taking shelter in Bangladesh and called on Cambodia as ASEAN chair to play a more proactive role in bringing about a sustainable solution for a speedy, safe and dignified repatriation of the displaced people.

In response, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn indicated Cambodia's support for Bangladesh's aspiration to become an ASEAN Sectoral Dialogue Partner and suggested to Bangladesh expand bilateral relations with individual ASEAN member states to increase tangible cooperation in the region. On the issue of displaced people from Rakhine State, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn stated that Cambodia as ASEAN chair continues to support the expansion of ASEAN's role through the Secretary-General of ASEAN and ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) in facilitating humanitarian assistance and safe repatriation process. His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister also pledged to work closely with all relevant parties and development partners, through ASEAN mechanisms, to ensure the return of displaced people in a safe, secured and dignified manner, as well as sustainable development in Rakhine State, in accordance with bilateral agreements between Bangladesh and Myanmar.

The telephone conversation was concluded in a cordial atmosphere of friendship and mutual understanding.

Phnom Penh, 19th January 2022

