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Press Release

Outcomes of the Phone Conversation between  
His Excellency Prak Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and  
International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, with  
Senator the Hon Marise Payne, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Women of  
Australia  
( via Video Conference )

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On 7 July 2021, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, had a phone conversation with Senator the Hon Marise Payne, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Women of Australia. The two Foreign Ministers discussed on pressing issues such as cooperation to respond to the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic and joint efforts to ensure speedy economic recovery and some regional and international issues of common interest and concern, including the developments in Myanmar.

Senator the Hon Marise Payne reiterated Australia's commitment to enhance collaboration with Cambodia and ASEAN Member States in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic. Underlining Australia's keen desire to strengthen ASEAN-Australia partnership, she reaffirmed continued support for ASEAN Centrality in the evolving regional architecture and regional integration. Senator the Hon Marise Payne looked forward to the first annual ASEAN-Australia Summit in October 2021 and expressed full support for the success of Cambodia's Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2022.






His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn thanked Australia for its contribution to Cambodia's socio-economic development through bilateral, regional and sub-regional platforms. He commended Australia for providing timely support to Cambodia and ASEAN in responding to COVID-19 pandemic. He highlighted that Australia's growing substantive engagement with ASEAN will further contribute significantly to economic growth, regional integration and narrowing the development gap within the region.

His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister reiterated Cambodia's resolve to ensure good achievements during its Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2022, with the whole ASEAN as a strong family focusing on addressing the challenges to peace, stability, ASEAN centrality and Community building. He shared some of the priorities for next year, which includes endeavouring for further progress in implementing ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery initiatives and regional integration in line with ASEAN Community Vision 2025, while working on ASEAN Community Vision beyond 2025, promoting effective participation of women and youth in economic recovery and community building process, enhancing ASEAN peacekeeping contribution.

On the Myanmar issue, he emphasized Cambodia's readiness to work with other AMS and ASEAN partners to support Myanmar's return to the path of normalcy and democratic transition. He highlighted Cambodia's appreciation for the steps taken by Brunei as the current Chair of ASEAN in implementing ASEAN Leaders' 5-point Consensus. He also expressed confidence in the strength of ASEAN diversity to achieve a peaceful solution through the ASEAN way, in the interest of the people of Myanmar and ASEAN community building.

The two Foreign Ministers also discussed at length on enhancing bilateral relations and cooperation. 



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