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Outcomes of the Visit of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN,

Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, to attend the official Inauguration Ceremony of the President and Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia on 20 October 2019 in Jakarta

At the invitation of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, led a high delegation to attend the official Inauguration Ceremony of His Excellency Joko Widodo as President and H.E. Ma'ruf Amin as Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia on 20 October 2019 in Jakarta.

The Inaugural Ceremony was organized at the People's Consultative Assembly of the Republic of Indonesia with the participation of Indonesian dignitaries along with the Heads of State/Government and high representatives from all ASEAN Member States, Australia, the People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea, Japan, Surinam, Swaziland, the United States of America and the United Arab Emirates. **His Excellency Joko Widodo** was elected as President of the Republic of Indonesia for the second term 2019-2024 at the National Election on 17 April 2019.

Prior to the Official Ceremony, Samdech Techo Prime Minister made a separate call on His Excellency Joko Widodo, during which Samdech Prime Minister conveyed warmest greetings from His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boomneath Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia to the Indonesian President. The two leaders expressed their satisfaction on the growing bilateral and multilateral cooperation between the two countries and shared their views on the need to further strengthen and uplifted the bilateral relations to a new height, in particular in the fields of investment and transports which both countries have potentials, including air linkages, waterway and

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Tel : (855) 23 216 122 Fax : (855) 23 216 141, 02 Email : mfaic@mfaic.gov.kh railway networks. They also exchanged views on regional issues of common interest. Both leaders reiterated their support to Timor-Leste membership in ASEAN.

During the call, Samdech Prime Minister conveyed an invitation to His Excellency the President to pay a visit to Cambodia at a convenient time. His Excellency the President sincerely thanked and accepted the invitation with great pleasure.

It is worth recalling that Cambodia and Indonesia have established diplomatic relations on 13 February 1959, but the interaction between the two peoples actually goes back centuries ago. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the diplomatic relations between Indonesia and Cambodia, during which various joint activities and events have been organized to commemorate this significant milestone of the two countries' formal ties. Indonesia played important role in the peace process of Cambodia as host of the negotiation process which culminated in the signing of the Paris Peace Accord in 1991. Indonesia also contributed nearly 2,000 peacekeepers to Cambodia as part of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) operations in the early 1990s.

Participation of **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** in the Inauguration Ceremony reflects the spirit of cordial friendship and solidarity between Cambodia and Indonesia.

Phnom Penh, 21 October 2019.