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Outcomes of the First Visit of the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar
to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, on 21-23 March

“The Special Envoy calls for the end of violence, delivery of humanitarian assistance
and dialogues among parties”



On 21-23 March 2022, H.E. PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia paid his first working visit to Myanmar, in his capacity as the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar. The mission was accompanied by H.E. Kitti Settha Pandita Cham Prasih, Senior Minister, Minister of Industry, Science, Technology, and Innovation, and H.E. Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN.

The primary objectives of the visit are to (1) follow up on the outcomes of Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen’s visit to Myanmar on 7-8 January 2022, (2) facilitate the implementation of the Five-Point Consensus (5PC), which was agreed at the ASEAN Leaders’ Meeting on 24 April 2021, and (3) deliver humanitarian assistance to the people in need in Myanmar.

H.E. Deputy Prime Minister paid a courtesy call on H.E. Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC). The discussion covered the current development in Myanmar; the Special Envoy’s mandate, positions and priorities; and the importance of the effective and timely implementation of the 5PC, including trust and confidence building, inclusive dialogue, and humanitarian efforts to Myanmar. The Special Envoy called for the implementation of three priorities, namely the cessation of violence, continued provision of humanitarian assistance to Myanmar and dialogues among all parties.

At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, H.E. PRAK Sokhonn had a bilateral meeting with H.E. Wunna Maung Lwin. The Special Envoy stressed the importance of the



three priorities mentioned above and emphasized the need for expediting humanitarian assistance to those most in need in Myanmar to ensure social well-being, stability, and development. H.E. Wunna expressed Myanmar's necessary support and cooperation for the fulfilment of the mandate of the Special Envoy to manifest more progress towards achieving a lasting solution in this regard.

At the meeting with the Task Force on ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance headed by H.E. Ko Ko Hlaing, the Special Envoy informed him that Cambodia is working in close consultation with ASEAN Member States, ASEAN Secretariat, and ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre), as well as other partners, to expedite humanitarian assistance, including COVID-19 vaccines, to Myanmar, in a fair, transparent, and non-discriminatory manner. In response, H.E. Ko Ko Hlaing demonstrated the Task Force's openness in working to address the pressing humanitarian needs in Myanmar. They looked forward to further discussions on the proposal to convene a "Consultative Meeting on Humanitarian Assistance to Myanmar" in late April where all stakeholders will exchange views on effective delivery of humanitarian assistance to those most in need without discrimination.

As the last programme of the first day of the visit, H.E. PRAK Sokhonn met H.E. Lt.Gen. Yar Pyae, Chairman of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Committee (NSPC), during which the Special Envoy expressed his readiness to facilitate mediation of the dialogue and stressed the importance for all parties involved to accept the ceasefire, end all acts of violence, and exercise utmost self-restraint on the use of military forces, to de-escalate hostile atmosphere and build enabling environment for a constructive political dialogue among all parties to resolve the issue.

The Special Envoy also shared Cambodia's experience and lessons learned in pursuing national reconciliation and lasting peace while hoping that Myanmar could engender an inclusive political solution that is Myanmar-owned and Myanmar-led in returning to normalcy. In this regard, H.E. Deputy Prime Minister was commended for his role as Special Envoy and genuine intention to build political trust and confidence among parties concerned during this critical juncture, which are key to enabling inclusive dialogue on peaceful, practical, and sustainable ways and means to address the issue. He was also encouraged to work with the Myanmar



authority to engage all relevant parties for the peace process in Myanmar. H.E. PRAK Sokhonn also touched on the repatriation of refugees from Rakhine State by requesting the Myanmar authority to accelerate the process on the return of those refugees.

As for the second day of the visit, the Special Envoy had a meeting with the UN Specialized Agencies to exchange views and make assessments on the delivery of humanitarian relief as well as a working dinner with ASEAN Ambassadors/representatives, whereby the attendees comprehensively exchanged views on the ground situation and discussed efforts to support the implementation of the 5PC in order to realize the immediate priorities which are to end violence and ensure the delivery of humanitarian relief to those in need, including COVID-19 vaccines.

H.E. PRAK Sokhonn also took the opportunity to meet some ASEAN's partners to receive briefing on the current situation in Myanmar and exchange views on the issues related to ending violence, political dialogue and humanitarian assistance. The Special Envoy also informed them about the objectives of the visit and shared with them several priorities that ASEAN will undertake to safeguard life and livelihood of the people of Myanmar. H.E. Deputy Prime Minister also look forward to their strong support for the implementation of the 5PC.

During his visit to the Myanmar Red Cross Society Warehouse in Yangon, the Special Envoy encouraged the Myanmar Red Cross Society to continue their coordination efforts with the AHA Centre in the delivery of medical supplies and equipment to communities across Myanmar.

The visit was undertaken amicably and productively with meaningful outcomes, which reflects Myanmar's support for Cambodia's efforts in moving forward the implementation of the 5PC and serves to strengthen regional stability as well as the credibility, unity, and centrality of ASEAN and its community building process. H.E. PRAK Sokhonn expressed appreciation for Myanmar's support for the Special Envoy's missions, including this first visit and subsequent ones. All parties involved looked forward to positive development regarding efforts to resolve the current crisis in Myanmar, including the implementation of the 5PC.

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