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His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, will attend the Ministerial Forum for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific on 22 February 2022 in Paris at the joint invitation of His Excellency Josep BORRELL FONTELLES, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission and His Excellency Jean-Yves LE DRIAN, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France.

In his capacity as High Representative of Cambodia, Chair Country of ASEAN in 2022, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister will deliver Opening Remarks and attend the Round Table on Security and Defence. He will also take part at the meeting between France and ASEAN Foreign Ministers.

During his stay in Paris, His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn will have separate meetings with other high-level figures, namely the Honorable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada, His Excellency Jan Lipavský, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, and with Monsieur Michel Herbillon, President of the France-Cambodia Friendship Group of the French National Assembly. His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister will also meet with the Cambodian Community during his stay in Paris.

On 23 February 2022, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister will pay an Official Visit to Germany at the invitation of his Counterpart Her Excellency ANNALENA BAERBOCK, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany. The visit, a first by a Cambodian Foreign Minister in 27 years, is aimed at reinforcing the excellent relations of friendship and cordial cooperation between the two countries. His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister will also meet with the Cambodian Community during his stay in Berlin.

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His Excellency Mr. PRAK Sokhonn, will then pay an Official Visit to Turkey on 28 February 2022. During his visit, His Excellency Prak Sokhonn will hold official talks with his counterpart, His Excellency Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, during which the Agreement on the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to taxes on income and the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Field of Protocol will be signed.

The two Foreign Ministers will join the Inauguration Ceremony of the Royal Embassy of Cambodia in Ankara and co-host Dinner with the ASEAN Ambassadors in Ankara.

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