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Phnom Penh, 14 June 2017

H.E. Mr. Nguyen Xuan Phuc Prime Minister Socialist Republic of Viet Nam Ha Noi

Excellency,

On behalf of the Royal Government and people of Cambodia, I would like to express my sincere and warmest congratulations to Your Excellency and, through you, to the Government and the people of Viet Nam on the auspicious occasion of the 50° Anniversary of the Establishment of the Diplomatic Relations between the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Cambodia-Viet Nam Friendship Year 2017.

Cambodia and Viet Nam are bounded by hundred years of historical relations and we also shared common experiences as we marched through a long period of difficult times. These strong historical ties, based on mutual respect and friendship, have provided for a solid foundation of the existing close bilateral cooperation, and have shaped the comprehensive relations that are being further strengthened and deepened under the mantra "good neighborliness, traditional friendship, comprehensive cooperation, long-lasting stability".

I am strongly confident that the excellent bonds of traditional friendship, solidarity, good neighborliness and comprehensive cooperation between Cambodia and Viet Nam will continue to prosper and broaden in the years to come for the mutual interests of our peoples as well as for the well-being of the ASEAN community that can contribute to peace and stability in the region and the world.

May I take this opportunity to commend the many remarkable achievements obtained under the leadership of the Communist Party of Viet Nam in its endeavor to build Viet Nam into a prosperous nation with increasingly heightened position and prestige in the regional and international arena.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and all my best wishes for the greater prosperity of the people of Viet Nam.

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