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At the invitation of His Excellency PHAM Binh Minh, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, will participate in the inaugural of the 1<sup>st</sup> Mekong-U.S. Partnership Ministerial Meeting to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020 in the format of video conference.

The Meeting will be co-chaired by His Excellency PHAM Binh Minh and The Honorable Michael R. Pompeo, Secretary of State of the United States of America.

In the Meeting, the Ministers will discuss on ways and means that the Mekong – U.S. Partnership could contribute to regional sustainable development and prosperity as well as to strengthen partnership among Mekong countries and the U.S. under this new Partnership.

It is worth to note that the Mekong-U.S. Partnership is elevated from the Lower Mekong Initiative (LMI). The 1<sup>st</sup> Mekong-U.S. Partnership Ministerial Meeting will serve as an opportunity for the Mekong countries and the U.S. to review the past achievements and chart the future direction of this Partnership.  $\Theta$ .

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