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Outcomes of the ASEAN-United Nations Ministerial Meeting

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On 21 October 2020, His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, participated in the ASEAN-United Nations Ministerial Meeting via Videoconference. The Meeting was chaired by His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Viet Nam, and was attended by ASEAN Foreign Ministers, Secretary-General of ASEAN, the United Nations Secretary-General, and the President of the 75th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

The Meeting shared words of congratulation on the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations and commended the tremendous achievements made by the UN over the past 7 decades particularly in the maintenance of peace and pursuance of sustainable development.

Facing the unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Meeting recognised ASEAN-UN collective efforts and strong commitment to upholding multilateralism and regionalism, and underscored the importance of enhanced international cooperation in addressing the far-reaching impact of this new disease and in bringing about post-pandemic socio-economic recovery.

The Meeting noted the successful implementation of the ASEAN-UN Plan of Action (2016-2020) and adopted a new PoA for 2021-2025. The Meeting reaffirmed the joint endeavour of ASEAN and the United Nations to align the realization of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



In his address to the Meeting, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister reiterated Cambodia's full support for the crucial role of the United Nations in steering collective efforts to uphold multilateralism as a pillar for peace, security and prosperity.

On peace agenda, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister recalled ASEAN's strong support to the Secretary General's initiative on Action for Peacekeeping (A4P). In celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security Agenda (WPS), he highlighted Cambodia's contribution to this international endeavour through increasing participation of the Cambodian women in humanitarian and peacekeeping operations in various parts of the world despite the threats posed by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister also touched on humanitarian de-mining, in which he believes that ASEAN and the UN can enhance further collaboration and encouraged the UN to consider providing support to the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre (ARMAC) to address humanitarian aspects of landmine and other explosive remnant of war in the region and in the world at large.

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