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Cambodia Discussed Cooperation Promotion with Gambia and Brazil

On 21 September 2022, on the sidelines of the 77th United Nations General Assembly in New York City, U.S.A., His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister Prak Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia had a separate bilateral meeting with the Foreign Ministers of Gambia and Brazil to exchange views on promoting bilateral relations. During the same day, he also met with Her Excellency Louise Mushikiwabo, Secretary General of the International Organization of La Francophonie.

Meeting with His Excellency Dr. Mamadou Tangara, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Gambians Abroad of Republic of the Gambia:

His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn and His Excellency Dr. Mamadou Tangara agreed to conduct a bilateral consultation, as soon as possible, with a view to encourage trade, investment and cooperation in all feasible areas, including agriculture, between Cambodia and Gambia. As a starting point, they concurred to conclude in the near future an agreement on visa exemption for diplomatic and official passport holders of two countries, which will facilitate official exchanges, including between the legislative bodies. The two Ministers shared the view that both sides should consider establishing an honorary consulate in each other's capital to promote relations and business linkages. They also committed to promote Cambodia-Gambia international cooperation, and to support for each other's candidacy in regional and international organizations.


Meeting with His Excellency Carlos Alberto Franco França, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Brazil:

His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister Prak Sokhonn congratulated Brazil's recently acquired status of ASEAN Sectoral Dialogue Partner and agreed with his Brazilian counterpart that there are many potential areas for ASEAN-Brazil and Cambodia



Brazil cooperation. Both Ministers expressed great optimism that the 1st consultation between the Foreign Ministries of Cambodia and Brazil to be conducted in December this year will lead to the expansion of trade and investment and cooperation in many areas between the two countries. During this meeting, His Excellency Carlos Alberto Franco França expressed intention to open the Embassy of Brazil in Cambodia in the near future. He also welcomed Cambodia's desire to open a resident Embassy in Brasilia, in the near future. Furthermore, the two Ministers agreed to strengthen Cambodia-Brazil international Cooperation and pledged to enhance support for each other within the international frameworks.

Meeting with Her Excellency Louise Mushikiwabo, Secretary General of the International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF)

His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister Prak Sokhonn had a cordial exchange of views with Her Excellency Louise Mushikiwabo on further promoting cooperation between Cambodia and the OIF especially in encouraging trade and investment exchanges within OIF region. They agreed that there are many potential areas which OIF members can cooperate for mutual benefits, such as agriculture and renewable energy. Her Excellency Louise Mushikiwabo recalled with great satisfaction her successful visit to Cambodia in March this year.  .

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