

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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On 22 December 2022, His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia attended a ministerial Informal Consultation on the situation in Myanmar hosted by His Excellency Don Pramudwinai, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand. The Meeting was also attended by Foreign Minister of Laos PDR, and Deputy Foreign Minister of Vietnam. Also present from Myanmar were Union Ministers responsible for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, and Investment and Foreign Economic Relations.

The Consultation was very much in line with Point 14 of the ASEAN Leaders' Review and Decision on the Implementation of the Five-Point Consensus, that underlines the importance of exploring other approaches that could support ASEAN's collective efforts to help Myanmar bring about a peaceful solution to the current crisis.

The open-ended Informal Consultation provided a good opportunity for Ministers and representative to have an open, frank and meaningful discussion, and receive updates from Myanmar on its efforts to implement the Five-Point Consensus. Importantly, they also exchanged views on practical approaches that could expedite the implementation of the Five-Point Consensus including an exit strategy that could help return normalcy and peace to Myanmar the soonest possible.

The Meeting also commended Cambodia's efforts and the works of the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair in facilitating the implementation of the Five-Point Consensus, in particular the provision of humanitarian assistance to those most in need. Cambodia will render full support to Indonesia, as the incoming ASEAN Chair, and its Special Envoy in helping Myanmar find a peaceful political settlement and return to a democratic path for the interests of its people and ASEAN as a whole.

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