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**PRESS RELEASE**

**“Cambodia, EU pledge to further strengthen bilateral ties and cooperation”**

On 10 April 2024, His Excellency SOK Chenda Sophea, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, held fruitful discussions with His Excellency Igor Driesmans, Ambassador of the European Union to the Kingdom of Cambodia, in a courtesy call by the latter at the ministry.

During the meeting, His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister extended his heartfelt congratulations on the upcoming celebration of the 74<sup>th</sup> Europe Day, while conveying Cambodia's profound gratitude to the EU and its partners for their indispensable support over 30 years to Cambodia in its efforts to rehabilitate and develop the Kingdom, which has significantly contributed to its exceptional socio-economic progress. Over the years, Cambodia and EU bilateral relations have grown in strength guided by long-standing and reliable partnership and good cooperation.

In this regard, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Ambassador shared optimism that the 12<sup>th</sup> Cambodia-European Union Joint Committee Meeting to be held later this month in Brussels would provide an excellent opportunity for both Cambodian and EU teams to engage in constructive discourse so as to further expand cooperation in potential areas, such as trade and investment, tourism and people-people connectivity, education and human resources development, climate change and clean energy.

Both the Deputy Prime Minister and the Ambassador expressed their commitment to further enhance the bilateral ties and also exchanged views on important topics such as regional and international issues of common interest.

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