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On 20-21 July 2019, H.E. Mr. Ouch Borith, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, led a Cambodian delegation to attend the Ministerial Meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (CoB-NAM) in Caracas, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Under the theme: “Promotion and Consolidation of Peace through Respect for International Law”, the Meeting adopted the Caracas Final Document; the Caracas Political Declaration; the Motion of Appreciation and Solidarity with the People and Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; and endorsed the Political Declaration adopted by the NAM Ministerial Committee on Palestine.

The Meeting also reviewed the preparations for the XVIII Summit Conference of the Movement, to be held from 21-26 October 2019, in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan,

Denouncing unilateralism, unilateral coercive measures and infringement of sovereign independence of NAM member states are the major points raised by participating delegates.

Delivering Cambodia’s statement, H.E. Mr. Ouch Borith highlighted that:

- “The world is witnessing occurrences when foreign countries impose standard of governance upon others, voice out their preferences of other countries’ leadership, decide on a country or government’s legitimacy, claim to act on behalf of other countries’ people, and rank other countries by their multiple standards based on their own national and geopolitical interest.
- “In 2018, Cambodia held the general election in a free, fair and peaceful manner, with 20 registered political parties contesting, and the voter turnout rate was 83.02%, an exceptionally high rate compared to some countries that have long upheld democracy.
- “Despite all these facts, unsurprisingly, some foreign governments with shameless and unabated audacity refused to send observers but they instead declared even before election day their erroneous assessment on the elections and they keep threatening Cambodia with unilateral political and economic sanctions. They are in complete disrespect of the voice of the nearly 7 million Cambodian people who spoke loud and clear that we chose peaceful democratization, stability and sustainable development.



- “Despite our utmost efforts and numerous achievements, Cambodia has never been commended by groups or institutions who hold only one single standard of evaluation: which is “regime change”.

At the sideline of the meeting, H.E. Mr. Ouch Borith also conducted bilateral meeting with H.E. Mr. Ruben Dario Molina, Vice-minister for Asia, the Middle East and Oceania of the People’s Power Ministry for Foreign Relations of Venezuela. Both sides expressed strong intention to boost friendship relations and fruitful cooperation between the two countries for mutual benefit of the two nations.

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