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**Outcomes of the Meeting between His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn,
Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and His
Excellency Derek Chollet, Counselor of the U.S Department of State**



On 10 December 2021, H.E. PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, received a courtesy call by H.E. Derek Chollet, Counselor of the Department of State of the United States of America, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

H.E. Deputy Prime Minister expressed Cambodia's readiness to assume the ASEAN Chairmanship and highlighted Cambodia's priorities across the three ASEAN Community Pillars. He also emphasized that the theme "ASEAN A.C.T.: Addressing Challenges Together" endeavors to promote ASEAN's spirit as a united family with a high sense of "Togetherness" in upholding peace and prosperity in the region and beyond.

H.E. Deputy Prime Minister welcomed the U.S' support for Cambodia's roles as ASEAN Chair in 2022 and deliverables to accelerate ASEAN Community building efforts and promote ASEAN's external relations. H.E. Deputy Prime Minister also welcomed the U.S' continued commitment to upholding ASEAN Centrality as well as peace and prosperity in the region.

H.E. Derek Chollet reaffirmed that ASEAN is central for the U.S foreign policy in the Indo-Pacific region, and looked forward to working closely with Cambodia as the incoming Chair of ASEAN in 2022. He informed that H.E. President Joe Biden is also looking forward to hosting the ASEAN-US Summit in Washington D.C. in the very



near future during which both sides will discuss a wide range of issues and agenda, including ASEAN-US dialogue relations, COVID-19 response and post-pandemic recovery.

The discussion also covered regional and international issues of common concern and interest.

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