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**“China reaffirms resounding support for Cambodia’s sovereignty,  
emerging government leadership and development path”**

Phnom Penh, 13 August 2023 – His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and His Excellency WANG Yi, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Director of the Office of the Central Commission for Foreign Affairs, and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China, held a productive bilateral meeting on 13 August 2023 at the Ministry.

During the meeting, Minister WANG Yi reaffirmed China’s unwavering commitment to respecting Cambodia’s sovereignty and conveyed China’s resounding support for the Kingdom’s emerging government leadership and development path. The mandate received from 82% of the Cambodian voters underscored the responsive governance approach of the Cambodian People’s Party, attending to the exigencies and aspirations of the citizens.

Against the backdrop of the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations and the Friendship Year between the two countries, both Foreign Ministers deliberated a course of action to further foster multifaceted cooperation encompassing political ties, parliamentary diplomacy, trade enhancement, investment facilitation, tourism promotion, educational exchange, infrastructure advancement, and security cooperation. They expressed satisfaction with the robust and dynamic momentum of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership of Cooperation.

While reassuring Cambodia's steadfast adherence to the One-China policy, Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn reaffirmed the Kingdom's firm commitment to further reinforcing a high-quality, high-level, and high-standard Community with a Shared Future, and fostering the Diamond Cooperation Framework, thus mutually benefiting both countries and peoples.

His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister extended deep gratitude for China's substantial support and development assistance, including the provision of the COVID-19 vaccines and scholarships, which have significantly contributed to Cambodia's socio-economic development, and infrastructure. In commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) this year, Cambodia supports China's hosting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Forum on the BRI, an event of importance for international cooperation.

The two Foreign Ministers exchanged views on regional and international matters of mutual interest. China reaffirmed its support for Cambodia's initiatives within international frameworks. The official visit of His Excellency Kittit Tesaphibal Bindit HUN Manet to Beijing and his participation in the 20<sup>th</sup> China-ASEAN Expo and China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit in Nanning, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Forum on the Belt and Road Initiative were also discussed. END