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Cambodia, UNFPA to Further Promote Existing Close Cooperation

On 31 August 2022, His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, received a courtesy call by Ms. Sandra Bernklau, newly appointed United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Representative to Cambodia, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

H.E. Deputy Prime Minister expressed his warm welcome to Ms. Sandra Bernklau and reassured on the Royal Government of Cambodia's commitment and support toward her and her team for the critical work of the UNFPA.

The Deputy Prime Minister underscored the importance of the Country Programmes and Action Plans between the Royal Government of Cambodia and UNFPA Cambodia that have contributed into achieving Cambodia Sustainable Development Goals, and also thanked UNFPA Cambodia for its effort on family planning, sexual education and reduction of violence against women, especially in helping vulnerable women as well as young girls. The Deputy Prime Minister appreciated all the support and assistance provided by UNFPA Cambodia in contributing to reduce maternal mortality ratio by almost two-third, which was one of the biggest achievements by only 9 countries, including Cambodia, with regard to the Millennium Development Goal 5 target to reducing the material death ratio by at least 75% between 1990 and 2015.

Ms. Sandra Bernklau was impressed by socio-economic development and the Royal Government of Cambodia's commitment toward achieving the "Three Zeros by 2030" (Zero violence or harmful practices against women and girls, Zero unmet needs for contraception, and Zero preventable maternal deaths). She also appreciated the Royal Government of Cambodia's guidance and initiatives, particularly the



establishment of the Special Committee for Accelerating the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action. She hoped her presence and experience would strengthen partnership and cooperation between the Royal Government of Cambodia and UNFPA.

H.E. Deputy Prime Minister and Ms. Sandra Bernklau expressed their satisfaction with the good cooperation between Cambodia and UNFPA and shared the same commitment to further enhance it. *A.*

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