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**Outcome of the Meeting between His Excellency Mr. PRAK SOKHONN, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia and His Excellency Mr. Patrick Murphy, Ambassador of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Cambodia**

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On 17 May 2021, H.E. Mr. Prak Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia met with His Excellency Mr. Patrick Murphy, Ambassador of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Cambodia to discuss bilateral and regional issues.

H.E. Mr. Patrick Murphy conveyed his sympathy and solidarity with Cambodian People during the hard time of the COVID-19 pandemic. He highlighted the 11 million dollars' worth of the United States' aid to Cambodia to fight against COVID-19 pandemic; and the United States' commitment to contribute approximately 4 billion dollars to COVAX vaccination programme run by WHO. In response, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister expressed his high appreciation for the United States' bilateral assistance to Cambodia and its global commitment. He emphasizes the importance of the close cooperation between USCDC and the Ministry of Health of Cambodia.

His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister and His Excellency Ambassador shared the views that there are a number of good progress of the two countries' on-going cooperation, particularly trade and investment, which saw constant rise in 2020 in spite of the Covid-19 pandemic; and that despite certain differences, the two countries remain committed to working closely to address those challenges, and would not allow them to pose as obstacles to the cooperation between the two countries.

His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister informed the Ambassador that at the ASEAN Leaders' Meeting on 24 April 2021 in Jakarta, while discussing the Myanmar issue, Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, shared his life experiences in resolving conflicts by emphasizing that to resolve the conflict first violence must stop, second all parties should meet and talk with the help of ASEAN, and third humanitarian aid



must be accessible. Indeed, Cambodia wishes to see Myanmar situation returns to normalcy. His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister also underlines that the afore-mentioned Samdech Techo's experiences were reflected in the principle of "the five-points consensus" as the outcome of the said ASEAN's Leaders meeting.

Besides, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister reiterates Cambodia's readiness to assume ASEAN Chairmanship in 2022, and thanked the United States for expressing her genuine support to Cambodia.

Phnom Penh, 18 May 2021

