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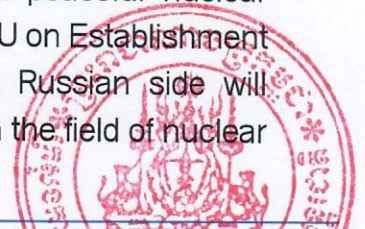
Press Release

**Outcomes of the Working Visit of His Excellency Senior Minister PRAK Sokhonn,
Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia,
To the Russian Federation on 23-24 August 2017**

His Excellency Senior Minister PRAK Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, led a delegation to attend the 10th Session of Cambodia-Russia Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation (IGC) and to hold a bilateral talk with His Excellency Sergey LAVROV, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, on 23-24 August 2017 in Moscow.

Co-chaired by His Excellency Senior Minister PRAK Sokhonn and His Excellency Nikolay NIKIFOROV, Minister of Telecom and Mass Communication of the Russian Federation, the 10th Session of Cambodia-Russia IGC reviewed the implementation of decisions reached during its 9th Session and agreements signed during the visits of the two countries' prime ministers in 2015 and 2016. The meeting also agreed on a course of actions to push forward trade, economic, energy, educational, environmental and tourism cooperation as follows:

- The Russian Side will host the 2nd Meeting of the High-Level Working Group on Priority Investment Projects with a view to identifying additional concrete measures toward the realization of the List of Project Proposals for Cambodian-Russian Trade, Economic and Investment Cooperation up to 2020.
- Both Sides stressed the significance of trade fairs and business forum among the private sector, and encouraged the two countries' chamber of commerce to consider creating Cambodia-Russia Business Council. They also discussed the prospect for import of Cambodian rice, rubber and other agricultural products into Russian market
- Both Sides expressed the interest in launching a prospective satellite project in Cambodia. A special delegation led by Minister Nikiforov will visit Cambodia in the nearest future to explore potential cooperation in postal bank, terminal of natural gas, aviation and heavy truck.
- Both Sides welcomed the intensified bilateral cooperation in peaceful nuclear energy and reiterated their commitment to implementing the MoU on Establishment of Information Center of Nuclear Energy in Cambodia. The Russian side will increase the number of scholarships for Cambodian students in the field of nuclear technology at Cambodia's request.



- Three documents were signed on the sidelines of the 10th Session of Cambodia-Russia IGC: (1) Protocol of the 10th Session of the Cambodia-Russia IGC on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation, (2) Memorandum of Understanding on Environmental Protection, Natural Resources Management and Biodiversity Conservation Between the Ministry of Environment of the Kingdom of Cambodia and Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation, and (3) Joint Action Program between the Ministry of Tourism of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Federal Agency for Tourism of the Russian Federation for the period of 2018-2020.

During the bilateral meeting between His Excellency Senior Minister PRAK Sokhonn and His Excellency Sergey LAVROV, the overall state of bilateral agenda as well as regional and multilateral cooperation were discussed. Among the key outcomes are:

- The Ministers noted with deep satisfaction the long-standing and solid ties between Cambodia and Russia based on shared interests as well as mutual trust and support despite various tests of time. Minister Lavrov considers Cambodia a long-term and reliable partner and friend of Russia, and expressed the willingness to further solidify the bilateral relations in all fields of common interest.
- The Ministers were satisfied with the fruitful outcomes of the 10th Session of Cambodia-Russia IGC and underlined the vital role of this IGC in promotion of and support for trade and economic cooperation.
- Both Sides identified a number of concrete steps to foster health, education, and culture cooperation with a view to realizing full potentiality between the two countries. The Russian Side is in the process of approving finance for project associated with modernization of Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital, which is a long-term symbol between the two countries, and will continue offering scholarships to civilian Cambodian students and training Cambodian military officers in Russia. It is also ready to offer diplomatic courses in Russia and to extend technical assistance to the National Institute of Diplomacy and International Relations. Furthermore, Russian expert team will be dispatched in very soon to Cambodia in order to assess a renovation project of Preah Vihear Temples.
- The Russian Side is ready to extend institutional and technical collaboration to Cambodia in the sphere of peacekeeping and de-mining.
- Minister Lavrov commended an increasingly active role that Cambodia plays in regional affairs and reaffirmed Russia's respect for the right of any nation to choose its own development paths. Both Sides expressed the interest in coordinating their joint efforts at regional and multilateral platforms, especially in the contexts of the United Nations, ASEAN-Russia dialogue relations, Eurasian Economic Union, Shanghai Cooperation Organization, etc. They also exchanged their views on key pressing international issues of common concern and interest.



- The Ministers signed Plan of Consultations between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation for the period of 2018-2020 with a view to enhancing the political dialogues on bilateral agenda and to strengthening interactions in international and regional affairs between Cambodia and Russia.

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