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**Regional Seminar on Full and Effective Operationalization of ARMAC:
"Enhancing Regional Efforts in Addressing ERW through Integrated Approach"
22-23 April 2019, Siem Reap, Cambodia**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, with the support of the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) 2.0, will host the **Regional Seminar on Full and Effective Operationalization of ARMAC: Enhancing Regional Efforts in Addressing ERW through Integrated Approach** on 22-23 April 2019 in Siem Reap, Cambodia. The Regional Seminar aims at promoting regional cooperation within ASEAN to fully operationalize the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre (ARMAC) as well as enhancing cooperation among relevant regional and international organizations in effectively addressing and eliminating mine and explosive remnants of war (ERW) in the region.

His Excellency KAN Pharidh, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation as Cambodia's Representative and Vice-Chair of ARMAC Steering Committee, will preside over and deliver Remarks at the Opening Ceremony. Key dignitaries, including Representatives of the Embassy of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, Executive Director of ARMAC, and Vice-Governor of Siem Reap Province, and more than 100 participants from all ten ASEAN Member States, ARMAC, the ASEAN Secretariat, Japan, and relevant regional and international organizations as well as NGOs involving with landmine clearances, ERW and demining activities, have been invited to attend the seminar.

His Excellency Norng Sakal, Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, will address the **Closing Ceremony** of the Regional Seminar, which will be concluded with the adoption of key recommendations on how to promote regional cooperation for full and effective operationalization of ARMAC.

A field trip to CMAC's Peace Museum of Mine Action will also be arranged for all delegates to see achievements, experiences and efforts of the Royal Government of Cambodia in addressing landmines and ERW.

Phnom Penh, 20 April 2019

