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“Cambodia, Cuba to further strengthen bilateral ties”

His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister **SOK Chenda Sophea**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, held fruitful talks with Her Excellency **Liurka Rodríguez Barrios**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Cuba to the Kingdom of Cambodia, on 22nd November, 2023.

During the talks, His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister and Her Excellency the Ambassador recalled the significance of historic visits by Cuban and Cambodian leaders to each other’s countries, which have strengthened and deepened bilateral ties.

His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister reiterated the Royal Government of Cambodia’s commitment to implement existing agreements in areas of mutual interest including agriculture, health, trade, investment and sports.

Referring to Cambodia’s history in recent decades, His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister expressed his gratitude for Cuba’s constant support during hardships after the collapse of the Khmer Rouge regime. Considering Cambodia a good friend, Her Excellency the Ambassador expressed deep gratitude to the Royal Government for joining with the international community in calling for an end to sanctions against Cuba.

His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister and Her Excellency the Ambassador shared common views on the need to do more for the development and prosperity of Cambodia and Cuba, noting the significance of the forthcoming Third Round of Bilateral Consultations between the two foreign ministries in 2024.

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