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**On the outcomes of the Official Visit to the Republic of Singapore
of His Excellency Senior Minister Prak Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs
and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia
(Singapore, 29-31 August 2018)**

His Excellency Senior Minister Prak Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, paid an official visit to the Republic of Singapore from 29 to 31 August 2018 at the invitation of His Excellency Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore.

During the visit, His Excellency Senior Minister Prak Sokhonn paid a courtesy call on His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore, during which he conveyed best regards and sincere thanks of **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techno Hun Sen**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, to Prime Minister **Lee Hsien Loong** for his congratulatory message on the successful general election in Cambodia. His Excellency **Senior Minister** also conveyed **Samdech Techo** Prime Minister's cordial invitation to Prime Minister **Lee Hsien Loong** to pay an official visit to Cambodia at a mutually convenient time, which he accepted with great pleasure.

Prime Minister **Lee Hsien Loong**, with high regard for the long-standing friendly relations between Singapore and Cambodia, expressed his happiness to see the consolidation of peace and continued development in Cambodia. He encouraged further advancement of the good cooperation between the two

countries to serve mutual interests and for stronger ASEAN Centrality and ASEAN Community building. Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong also reciprocated his warmest regard to Smdech Prime Minister Hun Sen.

During their bilateral meeting, His Excellency **Senior Minister Prak Sokhonn** and His Excellency **Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan** noted with great satisfaction the progress of bilateral ties and cooperation between Cambodia and Singapore, in particular the growing investment, trade and tourism. They reaffirmed their resolve to work harder together to build stronger leader-to-leader, business-to-business and people-to-people relationship and to increase economic exchanges and cooperation in various fields including aviation, telecommunication, energy, labour and human resources development.

His Excellency **Prak Sokhonn** thanked Singapore for its continued support for Cambodia's socio-economic development, especially in building up Cambodia's human capital which covers digital capacity as well. He expressed hope that Singapore will import more rice and other agricultural products from Cambodia and consider concluding a bilateral framework agreement on labor cooperation.

His Excellency **Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan** cordially congratulated the success of Cambodia's general election and pledged to further support Cambodia's steady progress and modernization process. His Excellency **Prak Sokhonn** thanked Singapore for dispatching election observers to Cambodia and reiterated Cambodia's full support for the success of Singapore's Chairmanship of ASEAN. He also commended Singapore's initiatives and proactive roles as ASEAN Chair in promoting peace, stability and positive development in the region.

The Meeting was held in a frank and cordial atmosphere, reflecting close friendship and cooperation enjoyed by both countries.

Phnom Penh, 31 August 2018

