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**Outcomes of the Official Visit of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN,
Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the Republic of Bulgaria
16-17 October 2019**

Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, successfully concluded his official visit to the Republic of Bulgaria on 16-17 October 2019. He had bilateral talks with His Excellency Boyko Borissov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria in a warm, cordial and friendly atmosphere.

The two Leaders reviewed all aspects of bilateral relations, and exchanged views on regional and international issues of mutual interest. They expressed satisfaction at the excellent state of bilateral ties of friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen thanked His Excellency Prime Minister Boyko Borissov for the warm hospitality bestowed on him and his delegation and recalled the bond of traditional friendship and good cooperation that exist between the two countries.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister expressed his sincere appreciation to the Government and the people of Bulgaria for the precious assistance and support for Cambodia during the most difficult period after wars and genocide. Once again, the Government and People of Cambodia paid condolences to the families of three



Bulgarian soldiers who sacrificed their lives during the UN peacekeeping operations, UNTAC, in Cambodia in the early 1990s.

Both sides underlined the importance of maintaining regular high-level contacts and promoting greater exchanges at all levels and in all areas of cooperation between Bulgaria and Cambodia with a view to further elevating their bilateral relations to newer heights.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen pointed out that the reopening of the Royal Embassy of Cambodia in Sofia this year reflected the firm commitment of the Royal Government of Cambodia to revitalize the long-standing and close relations of friendship and collaboration between the two countries on the basis of mutual benefit, mutual respects, mutual trust and equality.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen briefed his counterpart on the current political situation in Cambodia and pointed out that the attempted colour revolution or coup in Cambodia would be doomed to failure. The Government would take the legitimate and necessary actions to strengthen the rule of law and to defend peace, stability in Cambodia for the sake of national interests. He underlined Cambodia's firm commitment to pluralism, democracy and respect of human rights within the rule of law.

Recognizing the importance of further expanding economic co-operation, the two Prime Ministers welcomed the signing of the Agreement on Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation between Cambodia and Bulgaria and agreed to set up an Intergovernmental Economic Commission to consider formulating an Investment Protection Agreement between the two countries.

They expressed their commitment to expanding the tourist flow between the two countries and facilitating the formalities related to tourist exchanges between their countries in accordance with MOU signed late last year.

The two Leaders agreed to deepen cultural ties by promoting diverse cultural exchanges between the peoples of the two countries and welcomed the signing of the Programme for Cultural Cooperation between the Ministry of Culture of the



Republic of Bulgaria and the Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts of the Kingdom of Cambodia for the period of 2019-2021.

In the educational field, Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen expressed his deep appreciation to the Government of Bulgaria for 10 scholarships offered to Cambodian students to study in Bulgaria and for its valuable assistance in this field during the 1980s.

To reciprocate the Cambodian government, H.E. Prime Minister Boyko Borissov informed Samdech Techo Prime Minister that the Bulgarian government will consider reopening the Bulgarian Embassy in Phnom Penh in the near future. He also gave a strong emphasis that the Bulgarian government will be on Cambodia side when it comes to EU-Cambodia relations in Brussels.

At the invitation of Samdech Techo Prime Minister extended to His Excellency Boyko Borissov to pay a visit to Cambodia, he accepted with sincere thanks, and the convenient date will be communicated by diplomatic channel.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen paid a courtesy call on His Excellency Rumen Radev, President of the Republic of Bulgaria. He conveyed a cordial invitation of His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath NORODOM SIHAMONI, King of Cambodia, to His Excellency the President to pay a State visit to Cambodia of which His Excellency the President reciprocated a cordial invitation to His Majesty the King of Cambodia to pay a State visit to Bulgaria at his convenient time.

His Excellency the President expressed his high appreciation to Samdech Techo Prime Minister for his contribution to peace and security for Cambodia. He also proposed that some events will be organized to mark the 60th anniversary of the diplomatic relation between Cambodia and Bulgaria next year.

Phnom Penh, 22 October 2019.

