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Cambodia, Türkiye Highly Value Relations and Productive Cooperation

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His Excellency Prak Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and Her Excellency Ülkü Kocaefe, new Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to Cambodia, appreciated with satisfaction the existing excellent friendship and good cooperation between the two countries during a courtesy call by the Envoy on 01 September 2022. Ambassador Ülkü Kocaefe conveyed to Deputy PM Prak Sokhonn the greetings and best wishes from H.E. Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Türkiye while the Deputy PM recalled his recent fruitful visit to Türkiye and the participation of Türkiye's Foreign Minister in the recent 55th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting (AMM) and Related Meetings in Phnom Penh.

Deputy PM Prak Sokhonn and Ambassador Ülkü Kocaefe noted with satisfaction some positive factors that will open the way for the boosting of trade relations, which have not yet met the two countries potentials, among them the decision of Turkish government to establish the Office of the Counsellor for Commercial Affairs in the Türkiye's Embassy in Phnom Penh, the entry into force of the Agreement on Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investment, the signing of the Agreement on Avoidance of Double Taxation, as well as the 3rd meeting of Joint Economic Commission to be held in Cambodia on 19-20 October 2022.

The Deputy PM and the new Envoy also discussed ways to tap into new areas for cooperation and agreed to expedite the conclusion of some pending documents needed to further enhance the bilateral cooperation. The Deputy Prime Minister

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informed the Ambassador of Cambodia's readiness to host the 3rd Political Consultations between both countries in the coming months. Deputy PM Prak Sokhonn thanked Turkish government for development assistance in the areas of rural development, education, health and the housing project conducted by TIKA in Saang district.

Deputy PM Prak Sokhonn touched on the challenges faced by Cambodia when assuming the ASEAN Chairmanship as well as hosting the recent 55th AMM and Related Meetings, expressing his satisfaction with the outcomes achieved beyond everyone's expectation, including the issuance of the Joint Communiqué. He also briefed the Envoy of the complexity of Myanmar crisis and his endeavors in his capacity as Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair in pushing the implementation of the ASEAN's 5PC and helping Myanmar to return to normalcy. Ambassador Ülku Kocaefer highly appreciated Cambodia's ASEAN Chairmanship and commended Cambodia, especially the Deputy Prime Minister for successfully managing every hot issues and challenges during the 55th AMM and Related Meetings. .

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