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**Outcomes of the official visit of Minister for External Affairs of the  
Republic of India to Cambodia  
28-30 August 2018**



At the invitation of His Excellency Prak Sokhonn, Senior Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Her Excellency Sushma Swaraj, Minister for External Affairs of the Republic of India, paid an official visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia from 28-30 August 2018, with the purpose of fostering the friendly relations and strengthening cooperation between the two countries.

During the visit, Her Excellency Sushma Swaraj paid courtesy calls on Samdech Vibolsena Pheakdei SAY CHHUM, President of the Senate, Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia and had a bilateral meeting with H.E. Senior Minister Prak Sokhonn during which both sides recalled the fruitful official visit of Samdech Techo Prime Minister HUN SEN to India in January this year.

H.E. Senior Minister Prak Sokhonn, highly valued the close traditional relationship between the two countries, expressed his satisfaction with the current development of cooperation in all fields between the two countries. H.E. Senior Minister also thanked the Indian government for dispatching Chief Electoral Officers to observe the Cambodian general election on 29 July 2018, which was conducted in a peaceful, free, fair, and transparent manner, and highly appreciated the congratulatory message of H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India, to Samdech Techo Prime Minister.

The two Foreign Ministers had a candid discussion on various areas of cooperation and agreed to further strengthen and expand cooperation in all fields, including trade and investment, education and human resource development, tourism, culture, health, energy and information technology as well as cooperation between the two Defence

Ministries such as in international peace keeping and demining. Both Foreign Ministers also exchanged views on regional and international issues of common interests.

The two Ministers noted with satisfaction the gradual increase in bilateral trade and investment, and agreed to encourage their respective authorities to expedite the conclusion of a bilateral investment agreement. They also highlighted the importance of air connectivity between the two countries.

H.E. Senior Minister PRAK Sokhonn expressed high appreciation for the support and assistance provided by the Government of India including for water resources development, power transmission line construction projects, Cambodian human resources development and Information and Communication Technology.

The two Foreign Ministers witnessed the signing of two documents: (1) Agreement on the Conservation/Restoration of Preah Vihear Temple and (2) MoU between the National Institute of Diplomacy and International Relations of the Cambodian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Foreign Service Institute of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs.

During her stay in Cambodia, Her Excellency Sushma Swaraj will visit Angkor Wat Temple, restoration project of Ta Prohm Temple supported by India, and Mekong-Ganga Cooperation Asian Traditional Textiles Museum in Siem Reap.

Phnom Penh, 29 August 2018

