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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Outcomes of the Official Visit of His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn,  
Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation  
to the Federal Republic of Germany  
Berlin, 23 February 2022**

At the invitation of **Her Excellency ANNALENA BAERBOCK**, Minister for External Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany, **His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, paid an Official Visit to the Federal Republic of Germany on 23 February 2022, the first in twenty-five years since the last exchange of visits in January 1997 to further promote the excellent relations of friendship and expand across-the-board cooperation between the two countries.

During the visit, **His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn** held official talks with **Her Excellency ANNALENA BAERBOCK** focusing on bilateral ties, cooperation with ASEAN and the Indo-Pacific region, the situation in Myanmar and in Ukraine, and climate change among others.

On behalf of the Royal Government and the People of Cambodia, **His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn** deeply valued the high quality of these relations as reflected by the exchange of high level of visits and the recent signing of the Joint Declaration of Intent on Bilateral Consultations between both Ministries of Foreign Affairs on last 26<sup>th</sup> January and the First Consultations held in Phnom-Penh on that day.

**His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn** also conveyed deep thanks for the continuous generous assistance extended by Germany since the time when Cambodia was building peace in 1992 totaling 580 million Euro, including 53 million Euro under the Technical Cooperation Agreement for the time frame 2021-2022, and the support of 14 million Euro



to the COVID-19 Emergency Response of the Royal Government. His Excellency **PRAKSokhonn** underlined that currently almost 90% of Cambodia's citizens had been vaccinated throughout the country. Her Excellency **ANNALENA BAERBOCK** was impressed by these achievements and expressed the willingness of Germany to forge international cooperation to eradicate the pandemic world wide.

Cambodia looks forward to work closely with Germany to combat climate change and highly appreciates its support to develop a National Adaptation Plan (NAP) in cooperation with the German Society for International Cooperation (**GIZ**). Cambodia is committed to increase renewable energy to 25 % of the national integrated energy sources by 2030 and to become carbon neutral by 2050.

The Ministers exchanged views on regional and international issues of interest and concern to their respective two regions:

On Myanmar, both sides agreed on the necessity to implement the 5PC to help bring back normalcy to this country. In this connection, Her Excellency **ANNALENA BAERBOCK**, Minister for External Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany, has expressed support for Cambodia as the Chair of ASEAN and for the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair who has envisioned a visit to Myanmar to advance the implementation of the 5PC; namely in finding common ground to ending violence, providing humanitarian assistance and creating a conducive environment to start a dialogue among all parties concerned. She expressed the willingness of her country to join in the delivery of humanitarian assistance to the People of Myanmar.

While discussing the situation in Ukraine, Her Excellency **ANNALENA BAERBOCK** stressed the importance of solidarity and partnership between G7 and ASEAN. Both sides emphasized the crucial significance of securing world peace and maintaining the rule of law in international affairs as the fundamentals for international cooperation and shared prosperity.

Both Ministers have expressed their profound satisfaction at the exchange of mutual support for their respective candidatures in international bodies.



The meeting was held in an excellent atmosphere of warm friendship and mutual understanding and support.



Phnom Penh, 24 February 2022