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Outcomes of the Video Call between

**His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia,
and Her Excellency Anniken Huitfeldt, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway
on 14 February 2022**




On 14 February 2022, His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia, had a video call with Her Excellency Ms. Anniken Huitfeldt, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway. The two Ministers exchanged views on how to further strengthen Cambodia-Norway bilateral ties and ASEAN-Norway partnership.

His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn thanked Her Excellency Anniken Huitfeldt for committing to support Cambodia's ASEAN Chairmanship 2022 under the theme «ASEAN A.C.T: Addressing Challenges Together» and briefed his counterpart on Cambodia's priorities in further advancing ASEAN Community building in the face of today's challenges. Both the Ministers expressed common views on the values of peace and security in external engagement and shared strong aspiration in promoting ASEAN-Norway partnership in all feasible areas. In welcoming Her Excellency Huitfeldt's interest to have the regular ASEAN-Norway Trilateral Meeting and to be a Guest of the ASEAN Chair during the 55th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting in third quarter of this year, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister assured her that an invitation would be forthcoming.



On the situation in Myanmar, the two Foreign Ministers emphasized the urgent need to de-escalate the complex crisis, especially by expediting the implementation of the Five-point Consensus agreed at the ASEAN Leaders' Meeting on 24 April 2021. His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn apprised Her Excellency Anniken Huitfeldt on Cambodia's effort, as the ASEAN Chair, including the recent visit to Myanmar by Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen and Cambodia's next step; and thanked Norway for arranging his briefing in this regard at United Nations Security Council on 28 January 2022. His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn appreciated Her Excellency Huitfeldt's expression of support for his role as the ASEAN Chair's Special Envoy on Myanmar as well as his plan to seek effective ways and means for safe and timely delivery of humanitarian relief to all the people in Myanmar who are in urgent need of help without discrimination. Both Ministers agreed that all parties concerned must be engaged in order to achieve an inclusive solution and durable peace and reconciliation.

On bilateral relations, His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn reiterate Cambodia's gratitude to Norway for being a long-time supporter for Cambodia's mine-free goal and a major donor for the Khmer Rouge tribunal. His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn and Her Excellency Anniken Huitfeldt expressed optimism that the consultation between the two foreign ministries in early March, in Oslo this year would achieve fruitful outcomes in identifying potential fields of cooperation for mutual benefits, including in trade, investment and private sector partnership. The two Ministers also exchanged views on and concurred to enhance good coordination on regional and global issues. 



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