Phnom Penh, 19 June 2017

H.E. Mrs. NGUYEN THI KIM NGAN Chair of the National Assembly Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Excellency,

On the auspicious occasion to mark the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of the Diplomatic Relations between the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Cambodia-Vietnam Friendship Year, on behalf of the Cambodian people and the Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia and myself, I have a great pleasure to extend my congratulation with the brotherhood Vietnamese People, leaders of the state and the communist party of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam with deep sentimental friendship and solidarity.

Our two countries have a history of struggling through many difficult times, to liberate the country, safeguard the nation independence, rebuild and develop the country. Cambodia certainly cannot forget the support of the Vietnamese to overthrow the genocidal regime in 1979. In the new era, the comprehensive cooperation between Cambodia-Vietnam has brought many tangible benefits for the two countries which will be inherited for the next generations.

Meanwhile, I am optimistic that the relations and cooperation between the Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam will continue to grow and deliver more fruitful outcomes in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my congratulation and admiration for the tremendous achievement of the Vietnamese people in reforming, construction, and development. I wish the Vietnamese people under the leadership of the Communist Party and the Vietnamese Government, may successfully achieving the industrialization and national modernization.

May the friendship, solidarity, and cooperation between our two countries further strengthen and lasting sustainability.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

President

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