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His Excellency Prak Sokhonn  
Deputy Prime Minister and  
Minister of Foreign Affairs and  
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Kingdom of Cambodia  
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Excellency:

Thank you for your correspondence of June 30, 2020, extending your congratulations on the occasion of Canada's 153<sup>rd</sup> National Day.

Canada deeply values its long-standing and multi-faceted relationship with the Kingdom of Cambodia. We look forward to enhancing our collaboration to achieve common objectives on regional and global priorities, notably through the United Nations and as a dialogue partner with ASEAN. As a Pacific nation, I recognize that ASEAN remains central to the prosperity and security of Canada and the region. Moreover, we are eager to continue to work with Cambodia on issues of mutual importance such as the enhancement of bilateral and regional trade and investment, mine clearance initiatives, the promotion of a rules-based international order, and local capacity-building for responding to transnational crime threats in the region.

I also wish to take this opportunity to express my full support for the establishment of bilateral consultations between our two foreign ministries. This will allow us to further our economic cooperation and promote the exchange of ideas and knowledge, innovation, and sustainable economic development.

I look forward to working together to deepen our engagement for the mutual benefit of our citizens.

Thank you again for your thoughtful wishes on the occasion of Canada's National Day, and please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Champagne'.

The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, P.C., M.P.

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