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Joint Press Communiqué
between the Kingdom of Cambodia
and the People's Republic of China

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1. At the invitation of H.E. Mr. Premier Li Keqiang of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia paid an official visit to the People's Republic of China on 13-17 May 2017. During the visit, Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen met with H.E. Mr. Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China, and held talks with H.E. Mr. Premier Li Keqiang. Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen also met with H.E. Mr. Zhang Dejiang, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, and H.E. Mr. Yu Zhengsheng, Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

2. The Cambodian side sincerely wished the Chinese side greater achievements in national development endeavors, and a grand opening and complete success of the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China. The Chinese side reaffirmed its support to Cambodia's choice of a development path that suits its national conditions, and wished that the people of Cambodia continue to achieve new progress in economic and social development.

3. Both side agreed that the Cambodia-China traditional friendship is the precious treasure of the two peoples, and needs further consolidation and promotion. In the new period of history, both sides shall continuously promote the Cambodia-China Comprehensive Strategic Partnership of Cooperation to new scope and depth, bring more benefits to the two peoples and make greater contribution to regional development and prosperity.

4. Both sides agreed to maintain high-level contacts through various means and maintain timely strategic communication on bilateral relations and important issues. Both sides agreed to increase exchanges between governments, parliaments, local authorities, deepen communications on governance experience and promote the all-round development of bilateral cooperation. Both sides agreed to make good use of the Inter-governmental Coordination Committee between Cambodia and China, and coordinate and promote the practical cooperation in all areas.

5. Both sides agreed to continue to enhance exchanges and cooperation in foreign affairs, national defense and law enforcement and security. Both sides agreed to implement the Agreement on Strengthening Cooperation Under New Circumstances Between the two Foreign Ministries, and strengthen communication and coordination at all levels. Both sides will maintain exchanges between military forces at various level, and coordination in multilateral security arena. Both sides will give full play to the mechanism of law enforcement working meeting, focusing on strengthening cooperation in such areas as safeguarding domestic security, anti-terrorism, combating smuggling, human trafficking, telecommunication fraud and cyber-crime as well as overseas manhunt.

6. Both sides highly valued the cooperation outcomes of bilateral trade and investment, agreed to speed up the synergy of development strategies, fully implement the Outline of Bilateral Cooperation Plan to Joint Build the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road signed during this visit, and carry out the priority projects of production capacity and investment cooperation. Both sides will enhance the scale and level of economic and trade cooperation, with an aim of realizing the bilateral trade volume to US\$ 6 billion by 2020. The Chinese side is ready to continue to provide assistance within its capacity to Cambodia for its economic development and improvement of people's livelihood, and support Chinese enterprises to promote such projects as the Phnom Penh-Sihanoukville expressway and the new airport in Siem Reap, and commonly build the Sihanoukville Special Economic Zone.

7. Both sides agreed to deepen cooperation in the fields of infrastructure, transportation, agriculture, science and technology, maritime and tourism. The two sides will fully implement Memorandum of Understanding on Strengthening Cooperation in the field of Infrastructure, Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in Transport-Related Capacity Building signed during this visit. The Chinese side is willing

to provide assistance for Cambodia on compiling modern agriculture development plans, and enhance cooperation on advanced processing of agriculture products. The two sides will fully implement the documents on the Establishment of Joint Ocean Observation Station and the Implementation Plan for the Memorandum of Understanding on Tourism Cooperation.

8. The Chinese side reaffirmed its firm support to the effort of the Royal Government of Cambodia to defend its sovereignty, independence and maintain political stability. The Cambodian side reaffirmed its commitment to the One China policy, recognizing the Government of the People's Republic of China as the sole legal government of China and Taiwan as an inalienable part of China, its opposition to the "independence of Taiwan" in any form, and its continued support to the peaceful development of cross-Straits relations and the lofty cause of peaceful reunification of China. The Chinese side highly appreciated the understanding and support of the Cambodian side.

9. Both sides are of the view that the South China Sea issue is not an issue between China and ASEAN. It should be resolved through consultation and negotiation by countries directly concerned. China and ASEAN countries are capable of safeguarding the peace and stability of the South China Sea through cooperation, and countries outside the region should play a constructive role in this regard, China is ready to work with Cambodia and other ASEAN countries to fully and effectively implement the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC), and promote the "Code of Conduct in the South China Sea" consultation to an early conclusion on the basis of mutual consensus.

10. Both sides agreed to exchange views on international and regional issues of mutual concern, and further enhance coordination and cooperation on multilateral forums such as the United Nations, China-ASEAN Cooperation and Lancang-Mekong Cooperation. Cambodia congratulated China for successfully hosting of the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation. China will fully support Cambodia to be the chair of Lancang-Mekong Cooperation.

11. During the visit, the two sides signed 13 cooperative documents such as the *"Outline of Bilateral Cooperation Plan to Joint Build the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road"*; *"Memorandum of Understanding on Strengthening Cooperation in the field of Infrastructure"*; *"Memorandum of Understanding on*

Cooperation in Transport-Related Capacity Building”; “the Implementation Plan for the Memorandum of Understanding on Tourism Cooperation (2017-2020)” and “Protocol on Establishment of Joint Ocean Observation Station”.

12. Both sides are satisfied with the outcomes of Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen’s visit to China, and share the view that the visit is of great significance for promoting the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership of Cooperation of the two countries. Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia expressed appreciation for the warm and friendly hospitality extended by the Chinese side during the visit.

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