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**Outcomes of the Meeting between His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn,
Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and
H.E. Mr. Khaled Khiari, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General**




On Wednesday morning, 10 November 2021, His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, received a courtesy call by His Excellency Mr. Khaled Khiari, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

In welcoming H.E. Mr. Khaled Khiari on his first visit to Cambodia, H.E. Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn reflected on Cambodia's revival since 1979 and achievement of durable peace, national reconciliation and socio-economic development after completion of the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia in 1993. He expressed hope that Cambodia's experience could be shared to help bring about peace and stability within and beyond the region. H.E. Mr. Khaled Khiari commended Cambodia's steady progress, significant contribution to international peacekeeping and support for multilateralism and international rules-based order. He also applauded Cambodia successful Covid-19 vaccination campaign, leading to strong recovery ahead and affirmed the UN's readiness to further support sustainable development in Cambodia.

On Cambodia's Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2022, H.E. Deputy Prime Minister highlighted the priorities that Cambodia has set for furthering ASEAN Community building, under the theme «ASEAN A.C.T.: Addressing Challenges Together». He shared Cambodia's views on regional challenges, highlighting Cambodia's commitment to promote regional peace, security and prosperity such as through reinforcing collective efforts for speedy recovery from the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, consolidating ASEAN Centrality and unity.



On ASEAN-UN Comprehensive Partnership which reached 10th anniversary this year, H.E. **Deputy Prime Minister** and H.E Mr. **Khaled Khiari** discussed on accelerating ASEAN-UN cooperation in various areas, such as those identified in the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework, narrowing development gap within ASEAN through the IAI Work Plan IV and Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025, migrant workers' welfare, Women, Peace, Security Agenda and support to the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre (ARMAC). They shared the same view on encouraging close cooperation between the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy and the ASEAN Chair's Special Envoy on Myanmar.

H.E. **Deputy Prime Minister** and H.E Mr. **Khaled Khiari** looked forward to further progress in the implementation of the ASEAN-UN Plan of Action 2021-2025, including in enhancing complementarities between ASEAN Vision 2025 and UN SDG 2030 Agenda and to the convening of ASEAN-UN Meetings at all levels in physical format next year. 

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