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**Telephone conversation between Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN
Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia and
His Excellency Volodymyr Zelensky, President of Ukraine
01 November 2022**

On 01 November 2022 at 16:00 PM (Cambodia's Time), **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia had a telephone call with **His Excellency Volodymyr Zelensky, President of Ukraine**.

At the outset, **His Excellency President Zelensky** expressed his profound appreciation and deepest gratitude for Cambodia's support and co-sponsorship of the United Nations General Assembly's resolutions and Cambodia's firm position on the War in Ukraine.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister HUN SEN was pleased to have a phone conversation with **President Volodymyr Zelensky** and conveyed his sympathy for the tragedy that has taken place in Ukraine. **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** also expressed concern over the recent attacks on Kiev and other cities in Ukraine, which have claimed many deaths, injuries and severe damage to civilian infrastructure, power outages and water shortages, as well as serious energy and food crises and the rising inflation all over the world.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister had shared the sufferings that Cambodia went through and emphasized that, through Cambodia lesson learnt and **Samdech's** personal understanding, war cannot be ended by war. **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** reiterated the importance of peaceful negotiations and peaceful resolution.



and hoped that all parties concerned will strive for comprehensive solution to end the war in Ukraine so that Ukraine can regain peace, stability, territorial integrity and development.

During the Call, **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** reaffirmed Cambodia's position on the war in Ukraine that Cambodia respects and adheres to the Charter of the United Nations and international laws, and that Cambodia is against the aggression, the threat of or use of force over sovereignty and the territorial integrity of an independent State, and does not support the secession or the annexation of territory by other countries.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister also mentioned that, with the collaboration with Japan, Cambodia is ready to dispatch deminers to help train Ukraine's deminers at an appropriate time.

On the bilateral relations, **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** thanked Ukraine for providing scholarship to Cambodian students in the 1980s. **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** also mentioned that **Samdech** had visited Ukraine one time in 1981.

On the diplomatic relations between Cambodia and Ukraine, **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** proposed to have mutual appointment of respective Ambassadors between the two countries.

President Zelensky expressed thanks and welcomed Cambodia's good gesture to provide assistance to Ukraine in demining. **President Zelensky** also agreed on **Samdech's** proposal to appoint the two countries' Ambassadors. President Zelensky also invited **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** to pay an Official Visit to Ukraine at appropriate time.

With regard to ASEAN affairs, **President Zelensky** noted with satisfaction and expressed heartfelt gratitude for the three ASEAN Statements in support of Ukraine and Cambodia's efforts on Ukraine's request for accession to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC). **His Excellency President** also requested to deliver a video statement during the ASEAN Summit and reaffirmed Ukraine's wish to become ASEAN Sectoral Dialogue Partner.

In response, **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** stressed that Cambodia will continue to work with other ASEAN Member States for Ukraine to become ASEAN Sectoral Dialogue Partner.



At the end of the dialogue, **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** accepted the invitation to pay the visit to Ukraine at a suitable time.

His Excellency President thanked **Samdech Techo Prime Minister** for his valuable time and also warmly congratulated Cambodia for successfully chairing the 55th AMM and Related Meetings, and wished Cambodia a greater success in hosting the 40th and 41st ASEAN Summits and Related Summits, in November 2022.

Phnom Penh, 01 November 2022

