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"Cambodia, UNICEF to Further Promote Existing Close Cooperation"

"UNICEF affirmed its continued support and assistance to Cambodia," stressed the newly appointed United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Representative to Cambodia **Mr. William Parks**, who presented a letter of credence to **H.E. Ouch Borith**, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs on 24 January 2023 at the Ministry.

The Acting Minister welcomed and reassured the new envoy of the Royal Government of Cambodia's full support for him together with his team in fulfillment of the vital work of the UNICEF. Moreover, the Acting Minister recalled the long history of cooperation between Cambodia and UNICEF, especially the post-Khmer Rouge regime assistance, which had contributed to mitigating the hardship of Cambodian people. Also, he highly appreciated the UNICEF's projects in the spheres of education, health and nutrition, child protection, water sanitation and hygiene, and policy and public financing for children. The UNICEF's recent endeavors to assist in the welfare of children and their families during the Covid-19 pandemic as well as in the safe reopening of schools were acknowledged.

Mr. William Parks is amazed by Cambodia's present transformations, compared to the time he was in the Kingdom in 2002. While highly appreciating the close cooperation between Cambodia and UNICEF, he affirmed his commitment to maintain this existing bond and to continue to work closely with all relevant stakeholders in the areas highlighted earlier.

Finally, both sides reiterated their shared determination to further enhance the close collaboration between the country and the UN agency.

Phnom Penh, 24 January 2023