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“Cambodia continues to pursue an independent rule-based foreign policy that upholds its core interests, guarantees sovereignty and peace, and boosts economic ties,”

Emphasized Deputy Prime Minister Prak Sokhonn

Phnom Penh, 01 February 2023- His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, briefed on 01 February 2023 the Commission on Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, Information and Media of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia on “Cambodia’s Foreign Policy in the New Context of World Order” at the National Assembly.

“Over the last five years, the world continues to evolve to an international system with a global, multipolar and complicated nature. This evolution has led to profound, rapid, uncertain and precarious transformations,” Deputy Prime Minister Prak Sokhonn opened his presentation.

On international and regional contexts, he highlighted, among others, the rivalry of superpowers with a myriad of security, economic and development alliance and initiatives across the regions, impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, Ukraine war, crisis in Myanmar, and tensions in the Korean Peninsula.

On domestic front, Cambodia’s successful control of the Covid-19 pandemic, great accomplishments of its ASEAN chairmanship in 2022, active and sincere endeavours in the capacity of ASEAN Chair and Special Envoy to address Myanmar’s deep-rooted and complex crisis, and international recognition of Cambodia’s independent rule-based foreign policy were also featured.

In closing, Deputy Prime Minister Prak Sokhonn underlined a set of foreign policy to which the Kingdom will continue to adhere, in light of the fierce competition and uncertainties in the international relations. Among them are the upholding of Cambodia's core interests in compliance with the Constitution; a proactive diplomacy to guarantee sovereignty, territorial integrity, independence, peace and socio-economic development; implementation of an independent rule-based foreign policy in line with the objectives and principles of the Charters of the United Nations and ASEAN; and the strengthening of economic ties with both existing and new partners.

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