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**Outcomes of the 58th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting
and the Signing Ceremony of the Instrument of Accession to the Treaty of Amity and
Cooperation in Southeast Asia**

His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, attended the 58th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting (58th AMM) chaired by His Excellency Dato' Seri Utama Haji Mohamad Bin Haji Hasan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia, and the Signing Ceremony of the Instruments of Accession to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia by the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and the Oriental Republic of Uruguay in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 9 July 2025.

58th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting

The Foreign Ministers discussed ASEAN Community Building efforts and the progress in achieving ASEAN's priorities and key deliverables for 2025 in line with Malaysia's Chairmanship theme, "Inclusivity and Sustainability". The Meeting also took note of the briefing by the ASEAN Geoeconomic Task Force (AGTF), which highlighted the urgent need for ASEAN to respond strategically to the complex global geoeconomic landscape. In this regard, the Meeting joined the call to strengthen regional resilience through enhancing intra-ASEAN trade, cross-pillar coordination in policymaking, private sector engagement, and implementation of the ASEAN Free Trade Agreements (FTAs)—especially the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).

The Meeting welcomed the growing interest in the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) which reaffirms the Treaty's pivotal role in promoting regional peace, stability, and cooperation, and looked forward to the



celebration of its 50th anniversary in 2026 under the Philippines' ASEAN Chairmanship. With the adoption of the Guidelines to Facilitate Timor-Leste's Accession to ASEAN Legal Instruments, the Meeting reaffirmed the commitment to support Timor-Leste's full membership in ASEAN at the 47th ASEAN Summit in October this year.

His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister stressed the importance of leveraging ASEAN-led mechanisms as key platforms for trust-building and constructive engagement with external partners, and the urgency of boosting intra-ASEAN trade and deepening regional integration, particularly by harnessing opportunities in emerging sectors such as the digital and green economies, supply chains, and innovation. He reaffirmed Cambodia's commitment to facilitate Timor-Leste's full membership in ASEAN through capacity building and technical support to enable Timor-Leste's active contribution as ASEAN's 11th member.

His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister concluded by reiterating Cambodia's support for Türkiye becoming a Dialogue Partner of ASEAN, emphasising the importance of strengthening ASEAN's external relations and global engagement for regional peace, stability and prosperity.

In the Retreat Session, the Meeting discussed the follow-up to the ASEAN Leaders' Review and Decision on the Implementation of the Five-Point Consensus (5PC). The Ministers reaffirmed the importance of ASEAN Centrality and unity to strengthen our collective response to regional and global challenges, including through enhanced coordination and cooperation.

Signing Ceremony of the Instrument of Accession to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC)

On the sidelines of the Meeting, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister and other ASEAN Foreign Ministers witnessed the Signing Ceremony of the Instrument of Accession to the TAC by the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and the Oriental Republic of Uruguay. His Excellency Ahmed ATTAF, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, and His Excellency Mario LUBETKIN, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, affirmed their commitment to ASEAN's values and principles of peaceful coexistence, mutual respect, and friendly cooperation in Southeast Asia.



Bilateral Meetings on the Sidelines of the Meetings

Prior to the ASEAN Meetings, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister also had a working breakfast with His Excellency Thongsavanh PHOMVIHANE, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and His Excellency BUI Thanh Son, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, to discuss ways to further deepen relations and cooperation among the three countries.

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