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**Outcomes of the Participation of H.E. Mr. PRAK Sokhonn,
Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
in the General Debate of the UNGA80 in New York.**

At the designation of Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister, H.E. Mr. PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, led the High-Level Delegation of the Kingdom of Cambodia to participate in the General Debate of the 80th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA80), held from 23-29 September 2025 in New York, under the theme “Better Together: 80 years and more for peace, development and human rights”.

Marking the UN’s 80th anniversary, the General Debate brought together world leaders in a strong call to strengthen multilateralism and renew collective efforts to address global challenges. Leaders emphasized the UN’s enduring role as the cornerstone of international cooperation and highlighted urgent priorities, including the maintenance of peace and security, ending wars and instability, advancing UN reform, regulating artificial intelligence, accelerating the Sustainable Development Goals, taking decisive action on climate change and ensuring the next UN Secretary-General appointment process advances gender equality. Leaders also underscored the importance of solidarity in responding to humanitarian crises, promoting human rights, and addressing the complex impacts of emerging technologies.

The General Debate reaffirmed that in the face of global fragmentation, unity and dialogue remain the only viable path forward. Leaders pledged to strengthen international partnerships and uphold the principles of the UN Charter, ensuring that the United Nations continues to serve as a forum for inclusive and effective solutions to shared challenges.

During the General Debate, H.E. Deputy Prime Minister underscored the continued relevance of multilateralism, urging renewed trust in the UN, stronger preventive diplomacy and robust institutions to confront global challenges. H.E. Deputy Prime Minister recalled Cambodia’s painful history of war and genocide, highlighting peace achieved through the Win-Win Policy of Samdech Techo HUN Sen, which laid the foundation for economic



growth, poverty reduction, and progress in health, education, gender equality, human rights, climate action, and contributions to peacekeeping operations.

While emphasizing Cambodia's transformation from a recipient to a provider of peace and stability, H.E. **Deputy Prime Minister** expressed grave concern over ongoing border tensions with Thailand, denouncing violations of Cambodia's sovereignty and calling for strict compliance with the ceasefire, dialogue, and peaceful settlement in accordance with international law. Cambodia appealed for support from ASEAN, the UN, and the international community to help de-escalate tensions and restore trust between the two countries.

On this occasion, H.E. **Deputy Prime Minister** also brought to the attention of the General Assembly the most recent unprovoked attack by Thailand against Cambodia, which occurred in the afternoon of 27 September 2025. He firmly rejected the allegation that Cambodian forces had opened fire first, stressing that Cambodia's troops neither engaged in such action nor retaliated, thereby underscoring Cambodia's resolute commitment to peace.

Finally, H.E. **Deputy Prime Minister** reaffirmed Cambodia's support for pragmatic UN reform to enhance preventive diplomacy, strengthen the role of the General Assembly, expand Security Council representation, and improve peacekeeping operations. He urged all nations to honor the UN's founding vision by choosing cooperation, dialogue, and hope over conflict and division.

On the margins of the General Debate, H.E. **Deputy Prime Minister** held bilateral meetings with H.E. **António Guterres**, United Nations Secretary-General, and several counterparts, including the President of ICRC and the Foreign Ministers of Japan, Republic of Korea, Hungary, Saint Lucia, Norway, Russia, and Gambia. These meetings focused on strengthening bilateral cooperation as well as advancing multilateral collaboration. H.E. **Deputy Prime Minister** also seized the occasion to brief the Foreign Ministers on the latest updates regarding the border disputes with Thailand. He reiterated Cambodia's position to making every effort to de-escalate the tensions, rebuild trust and implement fully and sincerely the recent agreements towards normalization of our bilateral relations.

In addition, H.E. **Deputy Prime Minister** also met with Thailand's Foreign Minister and attended a 1+3 Meeting (US Deputy Secretary of State and Foreign Ministers of Cambodia, Malaysia and Thailand) to reaffirm the shared commitment to resolve the border dispute peacefully by restoring trust toward normalization for mutual benefit for the two countries and peoples.

The Cambodian delegation actively participated in a series of high-level meetings and side events, including the High-Level Meeting to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the United Nations, which reaffirmed the UN's role in maintaining peace, security and sustainable development. They also took part in the High-Level Meeting to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, convened by the UN Secretary-General, which reviewed progress and challenges in advancing gender equality.



and the Sustainable Development Goals Moment and highlighted global progress on the 2030 Agenda.

In addition, Cambodia attended the High-level Meeting of the Global Development Initiative, themed "Recommit to Our Original Aspirations, United to Build a Brighter Future of Global Development", which emphasized international cooperation in addressing shared challenges. The delegation further engaged in the First Biennial Summit for a Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient Global Economy, focused on strengthening global financial stability, and the 49th Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 and China, which underlined solidarity and cooperation among developing countries.

Cambodia also took part in the Special Event on Climate which addressed urgent climate action, and the meeting on Artificial Intelligence and International Peace and Security, which examined the opportunities and risks of emerging technologies. The delegation attended the event on Reinforcing Cooperation to Achieve a Secure and Stable Maritime Domain, stressing the importance of maritime security, as well as the 8th ASEAN-Pacific Alliance Ministerial Meeting, which promoted regional parliamentary diplomacy, and the Launch of the Global Charter on Children's Care Reform, focusing on improving global standards for child welfare.

Furthermore, Cambodia participated in the informal meeting of the Ministerial Council of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), which advanced regional security dialogue, and the Second G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting, which discussed global economic governance. The delegation also joined the Fourth High-level Meeting on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases and the Promotion of Mental Health and Well-Being, emphasizing health resilience, and the High-level Meeting to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the World Programme of Action for Youth, reaffirming the central role of youth in sustainable development.

The delegation additionally took part in the High-level Meeting to commemorate and promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, which reiterated global commitment to disarmament, and the Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Least Developed Countries, focusing on development cooperation and support for LDCs.

Through its active engagement during the High-Level Week of the UNGA80, the Kingdom of Cambodia reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening multilateralism, advancing peace and development, and contributing constructively to international dialogue and cooperation.



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