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Cambodia and the United States Set Sights on Deeper Cooperation

On the morning of 4 November 2025, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, met with His Excellency Michael George DeSombre, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to discuss ways to further advance bilateral cooperation.

Both sides agreed that the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Cambodia—U.S. Diplomatic Relations this year, Cambodia's role as Country Coordinator for ASEAN—U.S. Dialogue Relations, and the U.S.' vital role to achieve peace along the Cambodia—Thailand border present timely opportunities to deepen relations and expand cooperation in key areas such as trade, investment, defense and security, including combatting and preventing cybercrimes and demining.

The two sides welcomed the signing of the Cambodia-U.S. Agreement on Reciprocal Tariffs (ART) in Kuala Lumpur on 26 October 2025, recognizing it as a major milestone in promoting mutual economic opportunities. They underscored the importance of setting practical steps to ensure the effective and timely implementation of the agreement.

Regarding the Cambodia-Thailand border conflict, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn reiterated Cambodia's deep gratitude to President Donald J. Trump for his crucial role in facilitating the ceasefire agreement on 28 July, and the signing of the Joint Declaration on peace agreement, in Kuala Lumpur on 26 October 2025. Both sides exchanged views on the follow-up measures for implementing the commitments outlined in the Joint Declaration and emphasized the need to intensify efforts to restore trust and confidence, in order to achieve lasting peace.

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