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**STATEMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA**

The Royal Government of Cambodia is gravely concerned about several media reports quoting statements by Thailand's leadership indicating that Thailand has suspended the implementation of the Joint Declaration between the Prime Ministers of Cambodia and Thailand, which was signed and witnessed by His Excellency Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, and His Excellency Anwar Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia and ASEAN Chair, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 26 October 2025.

It is reported that a landmine explosion on 10 November 2025, injuring two Thai soldiers in the Cambodia-Thailand border area of Phnom Trop, which lies in the vicinity of the Temple of Preah Vihear of Cambodia has been cited as the reason for Thailand's suspending the implementation of the Joint Declaration, and also the cancellation of the announced release on 12 November 2025 of 18 Cambodian soldiers still in Thailand's detention.

The Royal Government of Cambodia categorically denies the allegations by Thailand that new landmines have been laid by Cambodia at the border with Thailand. It is important to note the well-known fact that most minefields, from nearly three decades of Cambodia's civil wars of the 1970s and 1980s, along the Cambodia-Thailand border have not yet been cleared due to difficult terrains and the un-demarcated status of the border areas.

The Royal Government of Cambodia wishes to affirm that Cambodia remains committed to implementing the Joint Declaration, which was signed amidst much applaud from the international community. Cambodia as a devoted advocate for and state party to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention has never used any new landmines and will never do so.

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