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**Outcomes of the Official Visit of the Foreign Minister of New Zealand
to the Kingdom of Cambodia**

At the invitation of His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Rt. Hon. **Winston Peters**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand, paid an official visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia from 28 to 29 November 2025. The visit reaffirmed the shared commitment of both countries to further strengthening bilateral ties and exploring new avenues for cooperation. During the visit, the Rt. Hon. **Winston Peters** paid a courtesy call on **Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei HUN Manet**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and also met with Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn.

During the courtesy call on the morning of 29 November 2025, **Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister** and the Rt. Hon. **Winston Peters** expressed satisfaction with the enduring excellent bilateral ties and reaffirmed their resolve to consolidate friendship and cooperation for peace, prosperity, and sustainable development of the two countries.

Later that morning, Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn and the Rt. Hon. **Winston Peters** held comprehensive discussions aimed at advancing bilateral cooperation, across a wide range of sectors. His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister recalled with high appreciation New Zealand's contribution to the peace process and post-conflict reconstruction of Cambodia since the early 1990s, particularly in mine-clearance efforts and human resource development. The New Zealand side praised Cambodia's rapid economic and social progress and reaffirmed its commitment to continuing support for Cambodia's development.

On political cooperation, the two Foreign Ministers emphasized the importance of maintaining regular engagements at all levels to deepen political ties and identify new areas of collaboration. They also welcomed the successful convening of the 3rd Foreign



Ministries' Consultations between Cambodia and New Zealand on 22 August 2025 in Wellington, and agreed to continue promoting this mechanism for regular dialogue.

On security, recognizing transnational crimes, including online scams, as a serious threat to national security that requires regional cooperation, **the two Ministers** reaffirmed their strong commitment to advancing security cooperation and agreed to work together to combat these crimes.

In the economic sphere, **the Ministers** agreed that the relevant institutions of both countries should intensify efforts to capitalize on untapped potentials in order to increase trade, particularly in agriculture, enhance investment flow, and foster economic complementarity.

People-to-people exchanges remain a cornerstone of relations. **The Ministers** emphasized the importance of tourism for mutual understanding and economic growth. **His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister** expressed his appreciation for New Zealand's longstanding assistance in human resource development through both long-term and short-term training programs, which have contributed meaningfully to the development of Cambodian human capital.

Beyond bilateral matters, **His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister** briefed the **Rt. Hon. Winston Peters** on recent developments regarding the implementation of the Kuala Lumpur Joint Declaration signed between Cambodia and Thailand on 26 October 2025. He underscored Cambodia's steadfast commitment to fully carrying out its obligations under the agreement. **Both sides** also exchanged views on regional and international developments of common interest, and reaffirmed their mutual commitment to supporting each other's core interests and to working together to promote peace, stability, and prosperity through cooperation in international fora.

The **Rt. Hon. Winston Peters** expressed deep appreciation to **Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn** for the warm welcome and excellent arrangements extended to the New Zealand delegation. He also extended a cordial invitation to **Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn** to undertake an official visit to New Zealand, which the **Deputy Prime Minister** graciously accepted.



Phnom Penh, 29 November 2025