

**Readout on the Farewell Courtesy Call by H.E. Mr. Jo Scheuer, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Cambodia**

Phnom Penh, 05 January 2026 – His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, received a farewell courtesy call from His Excellency Jo Scheuer, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Cambodia, on the occasion of the conclusion of his mission to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

During the meeting, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister expressed appreciation for His Excellency Jo Scheuer's valuable contributions in fostering effective coordination among United Nations agencies in Cambodia and in supporting Cambodia's efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister also emphasized the indispensable value of peace in driving national development, expressing hope that the international community will continue to support Cambodia—a small, peace-loving nation committed to fostering peaceful relations with its neighbors—so that the peoples of both sides may live together in harmony.

His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister further conveyed his appreciation to the United Nations for its active engagement in mine action within peacekeeping operations. Cambodia deeply values its partnership with the United Nations in this area, recognizing the United Nations' vital contribution to advancing humanitarian objectives, protecting civilians, and supporting international peacekeeping efforts.

His Excellency Jo Scheuer expressed his profound gratitude to the Royal Government of Cambodia for the strong support, trust and close cooperation extended throughout his mission. He emphasized that this partnership had enabled the United Nations system to deliver more effective support across multiple sectors. He further highlighted Cambodia's progress in aligning national priorities with the global development agenda, reflecting the country's commitment to sustainable and inclusive development. He also expressed his optimism about Cambodia's continued progress and development.

At the same time, His Excellency Jo Scheuer acknowledged the meaningful legacy of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), recognizing it as a foundation for Cambodia in advancing justice, accountability, and national reconciliation. The ECCC's legacy is a cornerstone for Cambodia's reputation to strengthening the rule of law, preserving historical memory, and laying a permanent foundation for peace and institutional development in the country.

Taking that opportunity, His Excellency Jo Scheuer conveyed his deep sympathy for Cambodian displaced persons and victims affected by the Cambodia-Thailand border conflict. He reaffirmed the United Nations' solidarity with the affected communities and its continued commitment to supporting humanitarian needs, protection, and efforts aimed at promoting peace, stability, and human security.

His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister reiterated Cambodia's commitment to working closely with the United Nations Country Team, especially the incoming Resident Coordinator, Madam Vladanka Andreeva.

In conclusion, both sides reaffirmed their shared commitments to further strengthening the long-standing partnership between the Kingdom of Cambodia and the United Nations.

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