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**Statement of the Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and
International Cooperation**

In response to media inquiries regarding the recent decision of Thailand's National Security Council to withdraw from the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Area of their Overlapping Maritime Claims to the Continental Shelf, signed between Cambodia and Thailand in 2001 (MOU-2001), the spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia states the following:

As already expressed on 8 April 2026, it is deeply regrettable if Thailand decides to unilaterally withdraw from the MOU-2001. More than a technical arrangement, the signing of the MOU-2001 by Cambodia and Thailand reflected genuine will and common interest of both countries to pursue, in good faith, a mutually acceptable framework for the joint exploitation of resources in the Overlapping Claim Area (OCA), while simultaneously advancing maritime boundary delimitation in accordance with international law. Moreover, the MOU-2001 embodies the goodwill of both nations in their efforts to establish a maritime boundary defined by friendship, cooperation and shared prosperity.

Thailand's unilateral withdrawal from the MOU-2001 will be a step departing from the cooperative spirit underpinning the signing of this document. Cambodia, for its part, remains firmly and consistently committed to both the letter and the spirit of the MOU-2001, as well as to the goodwill and good faith that guided its conclusion in 2001.

Phnom Penh, 24 April 2026