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**Outcomes of the 25<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-European Union Ministerial Meeting**

At the invitation of His Excellency Dato Erywan Pehin Yusof, Minister of Foreign Affairs II of Brunei Darussalam, as Country Coordinator for the ASEAN-European Union (EU) Dialogue Relations, His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, led a Cambodian delegation to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting (AEMM) on 27-28 April 2026 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam.

The Meeting reaffirmed the strong and multifaceted ASEAN–EU Strategic Partnership, rooted in shared values and common interests built over more than four decades. Both ASEAN and the EU underscored the breadth of cooperation across the three pillars of the ASEAN Community. In this spirit, the Meeting adopted the Joint Ministerial Statement of the 25<sup>th</sup> AEMM as a key deliverable to reinvigorate the partnership and looked forward to celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ASEAN–EU Dialogue Relations next year.

During the Meeting, His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister reiterated Cambodia’s support for the EU’s proposal to establish an ASEAN–EU Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP), as well as for the eventual convening of regular ASEAN–EU Summits to further advance cooperation in promoting peace, stability, and prosperity in both regions and beyond. He also underscored the importance of exploring a region-to-region free trade agreement (FTA) and looked forward to the early entry into force of the ASEAN–EU Comprehensive Air Transport Agreement as a concrete step toward enhanced inter-regional connectivity and closer people-to-people ties.



His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister also expressed his strong appreciation for the EU's continued support for regional cooperation. The EU's leadership in green energy, its experience in electricity market integration, and its role as a key source of investment are of significant value to ASEAN, particularly in advancing the ASEAN Power Grid to support renewable energy integration, reduce costs, enhance reliability, and strengthen regional integration.

In an increasingly complex global landscape marked by growing geopolitical rivalry and the resurgence of armed conflicts in many parts of the world, His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister underscored the importance of upholding international law and the principles of the United Nations Charter, in particular respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, refraining from the threat or use of force, and the peaceful settlement of disputes in accordance with international law. These same principles equally guide Cambodia's position with respect to the situation along its border with Thailand. Taking the opportunity, he expressed Cambodia's appreciation to the Member States of ASEAN and the European Union for their support for the ceasefire between Cambodia and Thailand, as well as for ongoing efforts toward the peaceful resolution of disputes in accordance with international law.



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