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**Diplomatic Briefing on Thailand's Termination of the MOU-2001  
and the Latest Developments of Cambodia-Thailand Border Issues**

On the afternoon of 6 May 2026, Her Excellency EAT Sophea, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, briefed Heads and Representatives of Diplomatic Missions and International Organizations in Phnom Penh on the developments of Cambodia-Thailand border situation since January this year. The briefing, which was attended by 43 members of diplomatic missions and international organizations in Cambodia, was conducted in light of Thailand's unilateral termination the Memorandum of Understanding between the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Kingdom of Thailand regarding the Area of their Overlapping Maritime Claims to the Continental Shelf (MOU-2001).

Her Excellency EAT Sophea commenced the briefing by expressing Cambodia's deep gratitude for the efforts and contributions made by ASEAN Member States and ASEAN Partners toward achieving a ceasefire agreement and a peaceful settlement of the dispute between Cambodia and Thailand. She highlighted the important roles played by Malaysia and the Philippines, as the past and current ASEAN Chairs, respectively, as well as the significant contributions of China and the United States in facilitating the ceasefire and advancing efforts to restore trust and normal ties between Cambodia and Thailand.

She also thanked the Philippines for its good offices in arranging a trilateral meeting among the leaders of the Philippines, Cambodia, and Thailand on the sidelines of the ASEAN Summit to be held on 7– 8 May 2026 in Cebu. She expressed hope that the meeting would yield significant outcomes and further step toward de-escalation of the situation. She welcomed the Philippines' assumption of the rotating leadership of the ASEAN Observer Team (AOT) late last month.



The Acting Minister reiterated Cambodia's deep regret and disappointment over Thailand's decision to terminate the only bilateral framework ever agreed upon between Cambodia and Thailand for the peaceful settlement of the Overlapping Maritime Claims Area (OCA) and for maritime boundary delimitation in accordance with international law. She affirmed that Cambodia had formally notified Thailand of its decision to seek resolution of the overlapping maritime claims through compulsory conciliation under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

To provide perspective on the scale and scope of the issues that must be urgently addressed in order to restore peace and harmonious neighbourly relations between Cambodia and Thailand, she facilitated a presentation on the current situation in the border areas between the two countries following the ceasefire of 27 December 2025. The Acting Minister reaffirmed Cambodia's consistent commitment to seeking an amicable resolution to all boundary disputes with Thailand through peaceful means, in accordance with international law and existing bilateral agreements, while remaining resolute in upholding its principled position that borders must not be changed by force.

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