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**Telephone Conversation between Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn and
U.S. Under Secretary for Political Affairs Allison Hooker**

On 12 May 2026, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, held a telephone conversation with **The Honorable Allison Hooker**, U.S. Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs. The discussion focused on efforts to further strengthen Cambodia–U.S. bilateral relations and to seek a peaceful solution to the border dispute between Cambodia and Thailand.

Both sides applauded the significant progress achieved in bilateral relations between Cambodia and the United States in recent years and reaffirmed their shared commitment to expanding cooperation across key areas of mutual interest, including security. On transnational crime, **His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn** highlighted Cambodia’s intensified efforts to combat online scams, including the recent enactment of the Law on Combating Online Scams. **The Honorable Allison Hooker** commended Cambodia’s strong efforts and the progress made in addressing this form of cybercrime, while underscoring the readiness of U.S. law enforcement agencies to work closely with the relevant Cambodian authorities in this regard.

Regarding the Cambodia–Thailand border situation, **His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn** reiterated Cambodia’s deep appreciation to the United States for its continued support for the ongoing peace process. He reaffirmed Cambodia’s resolve to fully honor the Ceasefire Agreement of 28 July 2025, the Kuala Lumpur Joint Declaration of 26 October 2025, and the Joint Statement of the 3rd Special Meeting of the General Border Committee of 27 December 2025. He also apprised **The Honorable Allison Hooker** of Cambodia’s decision to



pursue compulsory conciliation under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), following Thailand's unilateral termination of the 2001 Memorandum of Understanding on the Area of Overlapping Maritime Claims to the Continental Shelf between Cambodia and Thailand.

His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn stressed that Cambodia has consistently pursued a peaceful approach to resolving border issues with its neighbors in accordance with international law, and reaffirmed Cambodia's desire to advance efforts to restore trust and normalize relations between Cambodia and Thailand.

The Honorable Allison Hooker reaffirmed the United States' continued close attention to promoting the effective implementation of the obligations under the Kuala Lumpur Accords and urged both sides to make full use of existing bilateral mechanisms, including the Joint Boundary Commission (JBC), the General Border Committee (GBC), and the Joint Coordinating Task Force (JCTF), to address the root causes of the conflict and support the peaceful resolution of the issues.



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