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**UNCLOS Conciliation Commission Concludes its First Meeting
between Cambodia and Thailand**

The Permanent Court of Arbitration has today announced that the Conciliation Commission constituted under Annex V to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) concluded its first meeting with Cambodia and Thailand in Singapore.

Cambodia expresses its sincere gratitude to the Commission for its careful and considered approach to the proceedings. The Commission will continue to receive Cambodia's full confidence and support.

During the meeting, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia and His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister Sihasak PHUANGKETKEOW, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand signed the Terms of Appointment and finalised the Rules of Procedure governing the proceedings.

In his opening statement, His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn outlined that Cambodia's overriding objective is to achieve a resolution that serves the peoples of both nations and contributes to peace, cooperation and shared prosperity in the region.

He also expressed Cambodia's intention to conclude, with the Commission's assistance, a treaty with Thailand delimiting a single, all-purpose maritime boundary between the two States, or an agreement for the joint development and equitable sharing of resources pending final agreement on their maritime boundary. If neither of these options are achieved, Cambodia would request the Commission to prepare recommendations that could serve as a basis for future negotiations, in accordance with both countries' obligations under UNCLOS.

The Commission will hold further meetings with both Cambodia and Thailand, which are expected to take place in the coming months.

Cambodia remains fully committed to engaging constructively and in good faith with the aim to reaching a fair and lasting resolution of the Parties' maritime differences, including the development of energy resources in the Overlapping Claims Area for the benefit of both countries.

Cambodia firmly believes that international law provides the pathway for the peaceful resolution of disputes between States, and enters these proceedings in a spirit of cooperation, with full trust in the conciliation process.

Phnom Penh, 16 September 2026.