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Cambodia Updates Diplomatic Corps on the Progress of Online Scam Crackdown and Next Step

On the afternoon of 6 November 2026, **His Excellency Chhay Sinarith**, Senior Minister in Charge of Special Missions and Head of the Secretariat of the Commission for Combating Online Scams (CCOS), briefed 46 members of the diplomatic corps and representatives of international organizations in Phnom Penh on the progress and future direction of Cambodia's efforts to combat online scams. The briefing was coordinated by **Her Excellency EAT Sophea**, Permanent Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and also virtually attended by representatives of Cambodian missions abroad.

Her Excellency EAT Sophea noted with thanks the participants for attending the fourth diplomatic briefing on Cambodia's efforts to combat online scams, following the third one in August 2026. She recalled Cambodia's successful hosting of the International Conference on Combating Online Scams in Phnom Penh from 23 to 24 September 2026 (ICCOS 2026), under the theme "Acting Together towards Breaking the Chain and Eradication of Online Scams", which brought together approximately 600 delegates of policymakers, law-enforcement agencies, financial regulators and technology experts from 28 countries and seven international organizations. Cambodia deeply appreciates the participants and co-sponsors of the Conference for endorsing 11 commitments outlined in the Phnom Penh Declaration, aimed at strengthening cooperation to dismantle scam infrastructure, seize the illegal assets and protect victims.

Senior Minister Chhay Sinarith underscored two crucial humanitarian commitments, while Cambodian law enforcers continue efforts to bring the perpetrators to justice, namely supporting and protecting trafficked victims and vulnerable persons.

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and applying non-punishment principle for those fallen victim to trafficking or being forced to commit criminal activities.

He further emphasized that joint efforts and international cooperation are critical to combating online scams. He highlighted the extensive progress made through nationwide crackdowns and enforcement campaigns with the support and information sharing of many partners. To date, Cambodian authorities have investigated 972 suspected locations, frozen over US$300 million in bank accounts and nearly a billion US dollars in movable and immovable assets, and deported over 23,000 foreign nationals involved in these activities.

Senior Minister Chhay Sinarith noted that although large-scale scam compounds had all been dismantled in Cambodia, criminal networks still existed and continued to adapt by shifting to smaller and more dispersed operations in rental rooms, hotels, coffee shops and remote areas. Turning to recent enforcement developments, he stated that authorities are carefully reviewing available evidence to investigate any suspected involvement or complicity of private security companies or officials in these illicit activities. He also reaffirmed that the government would not overlook any company or individuals suspected of shielding, protecting or facilitating scam networks or operations.

Looking ahead, **His Excellency the Senior Minister** reaffirmed Cambodia's unwavering commitment to strengthening cooperation with international partners to protect victims and prevent the resurgence of online scam networks. He called for sustained international cooperation and mutual trust, particularly in real-time information sharing, law-enforcement efforts, and mutual capacity building. Finally, he reiterated Cambodia's readiness to share its operational experience and work closely with global partners to dismantle transnational criminal networks both at home and abroad.

The briefing concluded with a question-and-answer session.

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