

PRAK Sokhonn



With the 11MSP, the Convention is returning to a place where the mine ban movement started two decades ago. It is an opportunity for the international community to recall how far this movement has come and how much work still remains to be done. It is also an opportunity to remember that there are many faces of the landmine movement in Cambodia. H.E. PRAK Sokhonn is one of these.



His Excellency Prak Sokhonn wears many different hats. He is the President of the 11MSP but also serves as the Minister Attached to the Prime Minister of Cambodia and as the Vice-President of the Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority, CMAA.

A former journalist, ambassador and a four-star general, Prak Sokhonn has been engaged in the work of the CMAA since 2004. Since 2008 one of his goals was to bring a Meeting of the States Parties to his native Cambodia. “Thanks to the international movement that grew out of such places as Cambodia, the world became well aware that there are indeed tragic consequences to the use of this indiscriminate weapon.”

To Prak Sokhonn, bringing the Convention back to its roots is important. “This Convention was made essential in places such as villages in Cambodia’s border regions, where for more than two decades individuals have fallen victim to mines, with many of these having survived, and, literally, having grown up with this Convention.”

Prak Sokhonn has spent the year leading up to the 11MSP promoting further acceptance to the Convention. In particular, he has engaged other South East Asian nations, including by leading missions to Singapore and Vietnam. “Accession to the Convention by yet another South East Asian State would help strengthen the international movement to eradicate anti-personnel mines,” he said during one of his missions. “The 11MSP is a springboard to further action and an opportunity to state that the commitment to this cause will not end until the task is complete all over the world.”

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