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Excellencies, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

Cambodia's journey towards a mine-free future is a testament to the power of international solidarity and human resilience. Since 1992, the international community has invested over 600 million US dollars to support mine action in our country. This generous and essential contribution has yielded remarkable results. By the end of September 2024, Cambodia successfully cleared 3,168 square kilometers of land contaminated by diverse forms of explosive ordnance. This monumental endeavour involved the destruction of 1,185,589 anti-personnel mines, 26,440 anti-tank mines, and 3,126,412 items of other explosive remnants of war.

Excellencies, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

Cambodia is not only a recipient of international support but also an active contributor to global mine action efforts. The Cambodian mine action community continues to share best practices, transferring our hard-earned expertise to others facing similar challenges.

In 2024 alone, Cambodia provided demining trainings to experts from Ukraine and Colombia.

As part of our exchange visits, Cambodia welcomed a delegation from Ukraine's Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Interior, and State Emergency Service, sharing our extensive expertise in mine action programs. Additionally, we hosted the delegations from a diverse range of countries, including Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Ghana, India, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and Zambia. These visits provided invaluable insights into our demining efforts and fostered meaningful

opportunities for collaborative learning, allowing participants to draw from Cambodia's experience and adapt best practices to their own mine action challenges.

Among other engagements, Cambodia collaborated with the Humanitarian Demining Research and Development Program with support from the US Embassy in Cambodia co-hosted the Regional Technology Requirements Workshop in Phnom Penh. In addition, CMAA, ICRC, the EU and ISU, co-organized the the Regional Peer-to-Peer Exchange on the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention in Phnom Penh.

Since 2006, Cambodia's commitment to global peace and security has been unwavering. We have deployed nearly 10,000 Cambodian peacekeepers to various UN peacekeeping missions in ten countries. These missions include Sudan, South Sudan, Chad, the Central African Republic, Lebanon, Cyprus, Syria, Mali, Yemen and Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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Today, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to our partners and donors: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, European Union, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Ireland, Japan, Republic of Korea, Netherland, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States of America.

Your support has not only enabled life-saving mine action in Cambodia but has also empowered us to extend our technical expertise to other nations through training, exchange visits, and knowledge-sharing platforms.

As we look to the future, Cambodia call upon our partners to continue their invaluable support and Cambodia remains steadfast in its commitment to international collaboration. We will continue to provide technical assistance to countries in need.

Together, let us walk towards this common goal of a mine-free world, united in our pursuit of peace, safety, and dignity for all.

Thank you