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STATEMENT OF CAMBODIA ON ENHANCEMENT OF COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE GENEVA BUILDING IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND On 17-20 June 2025

Excellencies, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

Cambodia's journey toward a mine-free future stands as a powerful testament to the enduring strength of international solidarity and the unwavering resilience of the Cambodian people.

Since 1992, mine action activities in Cambodia have been supported by nearly USD 300 million from the Royal Government and over USD 600 million from international donors and partners. In this regard, the Royal Government of Cambodia remains fully committed to sustaining its financial support to achieve a mine-free Cambodia.

As a result of this strong and sustained support, by the end of 2024, Cambodia had cleared and released 3,297 square kilometers of land contaminated by mines and explosive remnants of war (ERW). This extraordinary achievement included the destruction of 1,197,218 anti-personnel mines, 26,567 anti-tank mines, and 3,196,704 other ERW items.

These combined efforts of the Royal Government of Cambodia, development partners and private sector have not only saved countless lives but have also enabled the safe return of released land to communities, thus supporting agricultural productivity, infrastructure development, and the resettlement of displaced populations. The achievements to date reflect the collective determination of Cambodia and its partners, reinforcing our shared momentum toward a mine-free future.

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In 2025, Cambodia continued to demonstrate strong national leadership and commitment to mine action through high-level engagement with key stakeholders. A High-Level Dialogue on Mine Action was convened under the auspices of Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia. This dialogue brought together development partners, donor countries, and representatives from the private sector to review the current status of mine action in Cambodia, highlight progress, and explore opportunities for enhanced cooperation and support. The strategic engagement aimed to accelerate efforts toward achieving a mine-free Cambodia.

Additionally, the Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA), in collaboration with the Swiss Embassy in Bangkok, organized a stakeholder workshop to foster knowledge exchange and strengthen collaboration in the mine action sector. The workshop

attended by numerous diplomats and experts in Thailand also served to disseminate information and raise awareness about the universalization and full implementation of the Ottawa Convention (Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention).

Beyond mine action, Cambodia's dedication to global peace and security is further demonstrated through its significant contribution to United Nations peacekeeping operations. Since 2006, nearly 10,000 Cambodian peacekeepers have been deployed to missions in ten countries, namely Sudan, South Sudan, Chad, the Central African Republic, Lebanon, Cyprus, Syria, Mali, Yemen, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, underscoring our ongoing commitment to international solidarity and global peacebuilding.

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Cambodia would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation to our valued partners and donors Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, the European Union, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Ireland, Luxembourg, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America. Your unwavering support has been indispensable not only in enabling life-saving mine clearance efforts within Cambodia but also in empowering us to extend our technical expertise to other nations through targeted training programs, exchange visits, and inclusive knowledge-sharing platforms.

Looking ahead, we call upon our partners to sustain their invaluable support, which continues to be a cornerstone of progress. At the same time, Cambodia reaffirms its steadfast commitment to international collaboration and stands ready to support other countries in need through technical assistance and solidarity. Together, let us remain united in our pursuit of a mine-free world, driven by our shared vision of peace, safety, and dignity for all.

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