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Outcomes of the Telephone Conversation between His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn,

Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Coopeartion of the

Kingdom of Cambodia, and His Excellency Dr. VIVIAN Balakrishnan, Minister for

Foreign Affairs of Singapore

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On 13 January 2022, His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, had a telephone conversation with His Excellency Dr. VIVIAN Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore.

The two Foreign Ministers looked forward to the convening of the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' (AMM) Retreat which will be the first major meeting among the 10 Member States under Cambodia's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2022.

In addition, both sides engaged in deliberation on the development in Myanmar. H.E. PRAK Sokhonn briefed H.E. Dr. VIVIAN Balakrishnan on the outcomes of the visit of Samdec Techo Prime Minister HUN SEN to Myanmar from 7-8 January 2022 which was an important step to pave the way for an inclusive dialogue among all parties concerned on Myanamr's issue. He emphasized that Cambodia shares the same aspiration with the other ASEAN Member States and the international community which is to help Myanmar to achieve durable peace and reconciliation.

H.E. PRAK Sokhonn also informed about Samdech Techo's proposed ASEAN Troika Mechanism to help the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar to implement the ASEAN 5-Point Consensus (5PC), particularly to end violence, pursue peaceful dialogue, and provide humanitarian assistance to those in need.

In response, H.E. Dr. VIVIAN Balakrishnan appreciated Samdech Techo's goodwill in approaching the Myanmar crisis and reassured Singapore's support and readiness to work with Cambodia in implementing the 5PC which is linked to maintaining and upholding ASEAN credibility and relevance. He also welcomed the expressed willingness to cooperate between the Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General on Myanmar and the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar. H.E. Dr. VIVIAN, however, expressed concern over the latest developments in Myanmar which are not conducive for efforts to achieve further progress on the 5PC and Myanmar's political representation at ASEAN meetings.

Both Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to work together in strengthening ASEAN centrality, unity, and resilience while addressing common challenges and shared goals, thereby enhancing peace, stability, and prosperity in the region and beyond.

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