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**STATEMENT OF CAMBODIA ON ENHANCEMENT OF COOPERATION AND
ASSISTANCE
21 MSP TO THE ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION
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Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Following 31 years of action, Cambodia stands at a crossroads of success and immense challenges.

From 1992 to 2022, the international community has contributed **592.7** million US dollars to the mine action sector in Cambodia. In addition, the Royal Government of Cambodia has also contributed **222.3** million US dollars.

From 1992 to June 2023, Cambodia has released **2,761** square kilometers of mine and ERW contaminated land, found and destroyed **1,165,791** anti-personnel mines, **26,208** anti-tank mines, and **3,063,563** items of ERW, including cluster munitions.

The Cambodian mine action community have shared its best practices with many State Parties and States Not Parties. This year alone, Cambodia organized humanitarian demining trainings for experts from Ukraine and Colombia, and hosted the study visit for delegates from Armenia, China and Laos. Cambodia also organized a Regional Workshop named Enhancing Innovative and Sustainable Practices in Mine/UXO Action with participants from many ASEAN countries, and recently the Third Global Conference on Victim Assistance with participants from over 40 countries.

Since 2006, Cambodia has deployed **9,199** Cambodian peacekeepers under UN peacekeeping missions to nine countries, namely Sudan, South Sudan, Chad, the Central African Republic, Lebanon, Cyprus, Syria, Mali and Yemen. The UN ranked Cambodia **28th** among **193** countries, and **3rd** in ASEAN for its participation in UN peacekeeping missions. Cambodia was also ranked **12th** in the world and **2nd** among ASEAN countries after Indonesia, for sending female peacekeepers abroad.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Cambodia aims to achieve a mine-free status to the fullest extent possible by 2025. Further to the existing level of support from our dedicated and valued development partners, the Royal Government of Cambodia contributed **30** million US dollars from the national budget in 2023 and pledged similar level each year from 2024 to 2025.

Taking into consideration contributions from the Royal Government of Cambodia (**60** million US dollars), international community (**30** million US dollars), and private sector (**0.2** million US dollars), **42.2** million US dollars have been identified as a shortfall for the period from 2024-2025 to finish the job.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to call for continued and additional support from friendly countries to address this funding shortfall.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude on behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia to the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) of the Mine Ban Convention and all development partners who supported and continue supporting mine action in Cambodia. We also look forward to welcoming any new development partners who wish to support the achievement of the vision "Mine-Free Cambodia 2025".

Thank you.