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**STATEMENT OF CAMBODIA ON ENHANCEMENT OF COOPERATION AND
ASSISTANCE
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WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION BUILDING IN GENEVA,
SWITZERLAND
On 18-20 June 2024**

Excellencies, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

After 32 years of dedicated action, Cambodia finds itself at a pivotal juncture, marked by both significant achievements and daunting challenges.

Since 1992, the international community has contributed over 600 million US dollars to Cambodia's mine action sector, complemented by more than 250 million US dollars from the Royal Government of Cambodia. This collective investment has yielded remarkable results. By December 31, 2023, Cambodia successfully cleared 3,024 square kilometers of land contaminated by diverse forms of explosive ordnance. This monumental endeavour involved the detection and disposal of 1,179,365 anti-personnel mines, 26,339 anti-tank mines, 69,320 sub-munitions, and 3,105,593 items of other explosive remnants of war.

The Cambodian mine action community has been actively engaged in sharing best practices with numerous State Parties and States Not Parties. In 2023, Cambodia facilitated humanitarian demining training sessions for experts from Ukraine and Colombia. Additionally, we hosted a study visit for delegates from Armenia, China, and Laos, providing them with invaluable insights into our mine action initiatives and fostering collaborative learning opportunities.

Furthermore, in collaboration with the Implementation Support Unit (ISU), funded by the European Union, CMAA organized the Third Global Conference on Victim Assistance from October 17-19, 2023, in Phnom Penh. The conference brought together participants from over 40 countries to discuss and exchange insights on enhancing victim assistance programs worldwide. This event served as a testament to Cambodia's leadership and commitment to advancing victim assistance on a global scale.

Moreover, earlier this year, through the South-South Cooperation Project and in collaboration between the CMAA and the CMAC, with support from Japan, Cambodia hosted a delegation from Ukraine to learn about our Mine Action program. This initiative underscores our dedication to knowledge exchange and capacity building on a global scale.

In May this year, the Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA) co-hosted the Technology Requirements Workshop organized by the Humanitarian Demining Research and Development Program (US Army) with support from the US Embassy in Cambodia. The workshop was attended by over 100 participants representing major international operators in mine action such as HALO Trust, MAG, NPA, and APOPO, as well as national operator like CMAC. Representatives from the US Navy, Army, Marines, and Cambodian NPMEC, Navy, and RCAF were also in attendance, along with TMAC.

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Since 2006, Cambodia has demonstrated its commitment to global peace and security by deploying 9,570 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 the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Cambodia's active participation in UN peacekeeping efforts has been recognized globally, with the UN ranking Cambodia 28th among 193 countries for its contributions to peacekeeping missions. The country was ranked 12th globally for its commendable efforts in deploying female peacekeepers abroad.

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From one angle, as a country receiving assistance, I extend my deepest gratitude to the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) and all development partners who have steadfastly supported mine action initiatives in Cambodia. Your unwavering commitment and assistance have been instrumental in our progress thus far, and we eagerly anticipate their continued collaboration as we work towards the shared goal of Cambodia, free from the threat of landmines and explosive remnants of war.

From another angle, as a country giving assistance, Cambodia remains steadfast in sharing knowledge with other countries and dispatching our deminers under the UN peacekeeping mission to countries in need.

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