

Statement by
H.E Ung Eang, Secretary of States of the Ministry of Mines and Energy
and the Head of Delegation of the Kingdom of Cambodia
during
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Madam. President,
Your Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. On behalf of His Excellency Minister and Cambodian Delegates, I would like to express my sincerest congratulations on your election as the President of the 67th Regular Session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency. With your guidance and leadership, I am confident that the General Conference will bear fruitful and successful outcome.
2. I would like to also take this opportunity to express my congratulation to H.E Director General on the approval by this General Conference to serve a second term in office.

Madam. President,

3. It is my great honor and pleasure to be attending the 67th IAEA's General Conference this year. I also highly appreciate the IAEA for inviting Cambodia to participate in this timely conference.
4. On behalf of **His Excellency Keo Rattanak, Minister of Mines and Energy**, I would like to reiterate that the Royal Government of Cambodia is fully committed to the non-proliferation of the nuclear program and takes part to ensure safety, security and safeguards at national, regional level and throughout the world. Over the years, Cambodia has been a party to numerous international agreements, conventions and protocols, including, but not limited to, the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) , Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free

Zone Treaty, Comprehensive Safe Agreement (CSA), and Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, and most recently the Convention on the Assistance in a case of Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency in 2022. Cambodia also considers becoming a party to other conventions, which Cambodia has not yet been a member, to further ensure our commitment in the safety, security and safeguards of peaceful applications of atomic energy.

5. In this connection also, I would like hereby to announce that Cambodia has officially joined with other member states to provide its political commitment to the IAEA's Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources and its Supplementary Guidance, whose letter was deposited to H.E. Director General, on 3rd August 2023.

Madam. President,

6. Since our membership reinstatement in 2009, the IAEA has assisted Cambodia's efforts significantly in achieving our sustainable development goals. Under the Technical Cooperation Program (TCP), Cambodia has successfully implemented numerous projects related to the implementation of the peaceful use of nuclear technology in various sectors such as soil fertility, crop management and livestock production of the agriculture. Another showcase of the significant impact of TCP to Cambodia is the establishment of the first National Cancer Centre in Cambodia. Although this center was established under the government fund; the technical supports from the IAEA, including the design, installations of equipment, capacity buildings, has been crucial to the sustainability of the center in enhancing better capabilities in cancer treatment and nuclear medicine. We strongly believe in building the soft infrastructure including necessary regulatory framework to build an institutional capacity and competency as well as human resources development to establish the safety and security regulations and standards. These individuals are great assets to Cambodia.
7. The Royal Government of Cambodia has also established numerous competent authorities concerning the safety, security and safeguard of nuclear and radioactive materials and activities in Cambodia, including the Ministry of Mines and Energy, the Secretariat of National Counter Terrorism Committee, National Authority of Chemical Weapons, and other concerned line of ministries. We also work closely with our international partners,

on many aspects ranging from legislation, application of nuclear science and technology in health, industry, agriculture as well as safety, security, and safeguards activities.

8. With regards to the legal and regulatory framework, the Royal Government of Cambodia has mandated the Ministry of Mines and Energy, among others, to promote and regulate the peaceful, safe, and secure use of nuclear science and technology including the ionizing radiation in Cambodia. Under this mandate, the Ministry of Mines and Energy has been actively establishing the legal and technical frameworks to ensure our continued commitment to the peaceful, safe, and secure application of nuclear science and technology in Cambodia. Subsequently, the Ministry of Mines and Energy promulgated the PRAKAS on the Management of Import and Use of Radioactive Substances and Sources in Cambodia. Currently, the Ministry of Mines and Energy, under the technical support from the IAEA, is drafting the Technical Guidance on the Basic Safety and Security for the Use of Radiation Source, which we project to adopt in the near future.
9. The Royal Government of Cambodia is also committed and actively participate with regional and global effort to counter weapon of mass destruction and illegal trafficking of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) materials. Taking this opportunity, we would like to express our great appreciation to US.DOE, IAEA, and other international partners for their support to strengthen the Nuclear Security in Cambodia and through provision of national and regional workshops, trainings, and seminars and provision of technical equipment, including handheld equipment, Radiation Portal Monitors (RPM) and more.
10. Cambodia has also been actively participating in major global programs includes US Mega-Port Program, PSI, EXBS and EU P2P Programs as well as involved in the specification and development of Integrated Nuclear Security Network System for mobile handheld equipment (M-INSN) and is also an active participant in Coordinated Research Projects (CRPs) and is actively using TRACE App. Cambodia appreciates the effort and support from the IAEA's Nuclear Security Division's team and member states especially Ms. Elena Buglova and Dr. Charles Messey in leadership and participating for developing the TRACE, Personal Alarm Assessment Tool (PAAT), which even better benefit for our front-line officers (FLO) and nuclear security operators at the field.

11. I would also like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest appreciation to the IAEA's Division of Nuclear Security in the support of co-organizing two national workshops and the Review Meeting on the Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan (INSSP) in 2022. Currently, we look forward to the continued support from the IAEA, especially from the Division of Nuclear Security to the successful implementation of our recently updated INSSP, and the upcoming mission on the International Nuclear Security Advisory Service (INSServ) in Cambodia.

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12. Last but not least, on behalf of His Excellency Minister and Cambodian Delegates, I would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to the IAEA, Member States and external partners for the various cooperation extended and provided to Cambodia so far, and based on this perspective, we sincerely appeal for more cooperative programs in the promotion nuclear technology for peaceful purpose and development in Cambodia.

I Thank You Very Much!