

Cambodia

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*Excellency Chair,
Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,*

It is indeed a great honour and pleasure of my delegation and I to be invited by Ministry of Home Affairs, the Government of India to the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction 2016 (AMCDRR-2016) in New Delhi, India.

At the outset, I would like to extend my congratulation and appreciation to the Government of India and the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) for the valuable support, excellent arrangement and the warm hospitality extended to all guests, including Cambodia's delegation.

In the name of the Royal Government and People of Cambodia, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep sympathy and condolences to all mankind in the region and outside the region who have lost their lives and suffered from the most recent deadly natural disasters including drought, flood, earthquakes, Tropical Cyclone Haima and Sarika, Hurricane Matthew and many other disasters.

I have noticed that the AMCDRR-2016 is being perfectly organized and I would like to sincerely praise for all excellent arrangements and fully support the main theme of the conference "*Risk Sensitive Development for Community Resilience*", which will be provided a unique opportunity to shape the implementation and monitoring of the Sendai Framework in Asia.

Under the wisdom leadership of **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Cambodia has enjoyed full peace, stability and development in all sector. And since the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 was adopted by 187 countries on 18 March 2015 at the Third UN World Conference in Japan, the National Committee for Disaster Management of the Royal Government of Cambodia has committed to effective implementation of the disaster risk

reduction as the leading institution in coordination with the governmental ministries-institutions, UN systems, development partners, national and international organizations, and private sector in the Kingdom of Cambodia to promote the **partnership and innovation for community resilience** through:

- Disseminated the Disaster Management Law of the Kingdom of Cambodia which had been enacted and promulgated on 10 July 2015 to the nationwide at all levels;
- Translated the Sendai Framework for DRR document into national language and disseminated to the DRR actors and stakeholders in the country since 7 August 2015;
- Supported the United Nations Resolution 69/284 on the process of developing the Terminology and Indicators Relating to Disaster Risk Reduction by actively involved and translated the terminology with technical corrections into the national language and is ready for the final version.
- Established the Cambodia Disaster Loss and Damage Databases (CamDi) which introduced by UNISDR and it's a very useful tool in providing a good overview of loss and damage information for policy making, disaster intervention and monitoring.

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As we may aware of that the disaster risk management and reduction are the long-term and complex issues which require all countries to jointly address. We realize that the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 had offered a solution for saving lives, livelihoods and assets as well as for reducing the fiscal burden on governments. In the name of the Royal Government of Cambodia, we would like to prioritize on implementation of the following tasks:

- Updating the National Action Plan on Disaster Risk Reduction to be aligned with Sendai Framework, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Paris Agreement on Climate Change;
- Strengthening institutions and developing legal frameworks, regulations and improving mechanisms at all levels for disaster management based on actual situations of the country;

- Revising and updating the disaster preparedness and response plans of the national and sub-national to be aligned with the ASEAN Joint Disaster Response Plan (AJDRP) to enhance the cooperation and coordination with established national and international mechanisms and the humanitarian community in the region;
 - Incorporating Disaster Management and Disaster Risk Reduction guideline into the development plans at all levels;
 - Continuing to strengthen and expand insurance system as well as developing new insurance schemes to respond to disaster risks, especially life insurance and micro insurance;
 - Enhancing capacity of the national and sub-national levels, especially communities on DRR by linking between climate change adaptation and sustainable development;
- ④ Strengthening the existed National Disaster Risk Reduction Forum in conformity with the UNISDR Guidelines on the establishment of National Platform for DRR;

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Before ending, allow me to reaffirm the Cambodia's commitment to reducing the disaster risk in order to achieve sustainable and risk resilient development and its persistent efforts towards implementing the priority of actions of the Sendai Framework for DRR at the international, national and sub-national levels.

We welcomed the Asia Regional Plan for Implementation of the Sendai Framework in line with the 8 priorities of AADMER Work Programme 2016-2020 and congratulated the adoption of the New Delhi Declaration. In this connection, we affirmed our support and commitment to the voluntary statements of action of the stakeholder groups towards a "Shared Responsibility" approach in implementation of the Sendai Framework.

Last but not least, in the name of the Royal Government of Cambodia, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Government of India for their gracious hospitality in hosting and organising this significant conference successfully.

May I wish Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen with good health and the entire conference with fruitful success.