

**STATEMENT OF H.E. DR. NHIM VANDA, SENIOR MINISTER
IN CHARGE OF PERMANENT VICE PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR DISASTER MANAGEMENT
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*Your Excellency Chair,
Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,*

In the name of **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN**, Prime Minister of Cambodia and President of the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM), it is indeed a great honour and pleasure of my delegation and I to be invited by the United Nations and the Government of Mongolia to the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction 2018 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

At the outset, I would like to extend my congratulation and appreciation to the Government of Mongolia and UNISDR for the valuable support, excellent arrangements and the warm hospitality extended to all guests, including Cambodia's delegation attending in this significant conference.

The chosen theme for the AMCDRR-2018 “*Preventing Disaster Risk: Protecting Sustainable Development*” is aligned with Cambodia's priorities which underlines the strengthening and expanding close cooperation with stakeholders in addressing the national, regional and global challenges of disasters and climate change for a better disaster risk-informed and prepared world.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Since the Sendai Framework for DRR 2015-2030 was adopted at the Third UN World Conference, NCDM has implemented DRR obtaining the remarkable achievement including:

- DM Law of Cambodia had been enacted and promulgated on 10 July 2015;
- Mainstreamed DRR into development plans of the Education, Health, Agriculture and Water Resource sectors;
- Developed a Strategic Plan on CC for DRM Sector 2014-2023;
- Developed the Disaster Loss and Damage Database of Cambodia (CamDi) which introduced by UNISDR and Platform for Real-time Information System (PRISM);
- Translated the Sendai Framework for DRR document into national language and disseminated to the DRR actors and stakeholders in the country;
- Established the Cambodian Food Reserve System in order for the disaster response and other emergency events in timely manner.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As we may aware of that DRM and DRR are the long-term and complex issues which require all countries to jointly address. In the name of the Royal Government of Cambodia, we would like to prioritize on implementation of the following tasks:

- Being prepared the UNISDR indicators and terminology related to DRR in national language for the general use;
- Enhancing close collaboration with ASEAN particularly the AHA Centre and ACDM contributing to the realization of ASEAN Declaration on One ASEAN One Response;
- Strengthening institutions and developing subsidiary legislations for DM at all levels based on actual situations of the country;
- Updating the NAP-DRR to be aligned with Sendai Framework, SDGs and Paris Agreement on CC;
- Integration of DRR into development plans at all levels, by formulating and implementing community-based action plans for each region in cooperation with stakeholders;
- Enhancing the capacity of national and sub-national levels, especially communities on DRR by linking between CCA and SDG; and
- Continuing the cooperation with stakeholders to organize the National DRR Forum.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Cambodia has been enjoying full peace, stable politics and development in all sectors including infrastructures system, water resource, electricity... and in particular human resource. With this, the General Elections are due to be held in Cambodia on Sunday, 29 July 2018.

Before ending, allow me to reaffirm the Cambodia's commitment to DRR in order to achieve sustainable and risk resilient development and its persistent efforts towards the implementation of the Sendai Framework's seven global targets at international, regional, national and local levels to promote the livelihood of the people in accordance with theme of the AMCDRR-2018 "***Preventing Disaster Risk: Protecting Sustainable Development***" and the Article 2, chapter 1, of the Law on Disaster Management of Cambodia.

At the end, I would like to wish Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen with good health and the entire conference with great success.

I Thank You Very Much.