

Pre-Recorded Speech
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- Your Excellency UN Under Secretary General!

- Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen!

On behalf of the Cambodia Defense Ministry, I am pleased to deliver my statement through a video at this important Ministerial Meeting on UN Peacekeeping.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to acknowledge the Government of the Republic of Korea, for hosting this important meeting in the context of new normal as COVID-19 continues to spread around the world. In fact, the current peacekeeping missions are very complex and challenged by both traditional and non-traditional security threat, mostly caused by non-state actors.

Despite the sacrificed both flesh and blood on the mission fields, as a peace-loving country, Cambodia determines to engage in peace operations as was stated by **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia**, on video on 25 September, 2021 at the 76th UN General Assembly, I quote "Cambodia supports the Action for Peacekeeping Plus of HE. Secretary General and the agenda on women, peace, and security, which will integrate a meaningful gender perspective into peacekeeping operations." This clearly shows that Cambodia not only concerns about the well-being of its people, but also contributes to the well-being of other nations in the world.

- Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen!

In order to further engage in the 7 critical points of the "Action for Peacekeeping Plus", Cambodia is committed on the followings:

1-Strengthening the capability of the Cambodia peacekeepers including the incorporation of training on medical and information technology in the pre-deployment training; especially by given special attention to the protection of civilians and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse, etc...

2-Enhance better cooperation among troop contributing countries and the host countries where Cambodia peacekeepers are deployed in order to achieve the common goal of security and peace through implementation and sharing of experiences both in the country and in all mission areas

3-Increase the participation of Cambodia women peacekeepers up to 20% in peace operations both at the contingent level and as staff officers and military observers

4-Continue to pledge 1 Engineering unit, 1 Military Police unit, and 1 Demining/EOD in the UNPCRS.

To conclude, I would like to thank the United Nations, the Republic of Korea for organizing this important meeting. May I wish your excellencies, ladies and gentlemen the success in all of your endeavors.

Thank You!