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Excellency Mr. President,
Excellency Mr. Secretary General,
Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today, I have great honor to attend this United Nations Summit on the Post-2015 Development Agenda. On the 70th anniversary of the creation of the United Nations, we now open a new chapter in the humanity's history book, which is marked by stronger cooperation in global development. The theme of our summit today, "Transforming the world: realizing the post-2015 development agenda", highlights our globally shared undertakings and responsibility to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the next 15 years, advancing on the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which we had jointly adopted 15 years ago.

In this spirit, I am pleased to inform this meeting that, over the past two decades, Cambodia has made remarkable transformations, especially in securing full peace, strong political stability and improved public security with high economic growth averaging 7.7% per annum. Poverty rate has been dramatically reduced from 53% in 2004 to 16% in 2013, making Cambodia achieved the MDG targets on poverty reduction and other social sectors ahead of 2015. The remaining targets are expected to be achieved by the end of 2015.

Cambodia is now in transition towards the next stage of development, becoming a lower-middle income country by 2016. In this regard, the Royal Government of Cambodia considers that all the 17 SDGs, which were built on the MDGs, are very relevant to Cambodian contexts especially in strengthening its achievements made over the past 15 years. But they are even more important to support Cambodia's transition into a middle income country status especially during its early stage. However, Cambodia will incorporate the "clearance of landmine and unexploded ordnance" as an additional goal to the SDGs to fully reflect the actual situation and the need on the ground.

As for the financing of SDGs is concerned, the Royal Government of Cambodia fully endorses the **Addis Ababa Accord and Action Agenda** for financing for development that focuses on domestic resource mobilization to meet the development needs. Although, Cambodia would like to request an extension of support provided to those least developed countries who are successfully graduating into the next stage of development until they could well stand on their feet and can compete internationally, by providing Official Development Assistance (ODA) either grant and/or concessional loan to address the basic needs such as infrastructure gaps and human resource and institutional development.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen!

Forging consensus on the **Post-2015 Development Agenda** is a major achievement by our global leaders. However, ensuring the success of this agenda as we had planned for remains a big challenge for all of us. For this reason, I believe that we all should resolve to jointly address key issues as follows:

- 1- Ensuring the fulfillment of donor commitment to achieve the target of 0.7% of ODA/GNI to developing countries and 0.15% - 0.2% of ODA/GNI to the Least Developed Countries (LDCs);
- 2- Further enhancing trade policies and trade facilitation, including the provision of preferential treatments to developing countries, according to the spirit of equitably and efficiently sharing benefits reaped from globalization;
- 3- Further strengthening stability and promoting diversification of financial sector, encouraging innovation and promoting the role and dynamism of private sector to meet the financial needs in realizing the SDGs;
- 4- Further strengthening country ownership through building partnerships amongst all stakeholders in development, including bilateral and multilateral development partners, private sector and other development actors; and

- 5- Ensuring policy coherence with transparency and accountability, aligning those policies of bilateral and multilateral development partners with the national policy priorities and SDGs.

Finally, I believe that the **Post-2015 Development Agenda** will become an important tool to help all countries to adhere to a right development path and to ensure that the next generations will live in a harmonious and prosperous society.

Thank you for your attention!