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CAMBODIA’S PROGRESS UPDATES IN DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
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ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA

ADDRESS AT
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Your Excellency Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen!

I am greatly honoured and pleased to attend this important Asia-Pacific Partnership for Disaster Risk Reduction (APP-DRR) Forum 2021. I would like to take this opportunity to express my warmest congratulation and high appreciation to the UNDRR for organizing this very timely forum. In the same vein, Cambodia put high priority on the implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR through the promoting and strengthening multilateral mechanism for Disaster Risk Reduction and Building Disaster Resilience with the remarkable achievements including:

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- The Sub-decree on the organizing and commemorating the National Disaster Day jointly with ASEAN Day for Disaster Management (ADDM) and International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, (IDDR).
- The Agreement between NCDM and WFP on the implementation of joint activities for “Reduction and Management of Shocks and Risks” within the framework of Five-Year Country Strategic Plan 2019-2023.
- The Asia Regional Plan for Implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR had been localized and incorporated into the National Strategic Development Plan 2019-2023 (NSDP).
- The newly developed National Action Plan for Disaster Risk Reduction 2019-2023 (NAP-DRR), by aligning with the Sendai Framework for DRR.
- The Circular on the establishment of the disaster management mechanism in the respective Ministries-Institutions of the Royal Government of Cambodia.
- The Sub-decree on the Establishment of Cambodia Food Reserve System for the disaster response and other emergency events in timely manner.
- The Guideline on Mainstreaming Gender and Inclusion in Disaster Management Cycle.
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- The ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response AADMER Work Programme 2021-2025.
- The ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework «Advancing towards a more Sustainable and Resilient Future».
- The ASEAN Regional Plan of Action for Adaptation to Drought 2021-2025.
- The ASEAN-UN Joint Strategic Plan of Action on Disaster Management (JSAPDM) IV 2021-2025.
- The ASEAN Regional Framework on Protection, Gender, and Inclusion in Disaster Management 2021-2025.
- The ASEAN Disaster Resilience Outlook: Preparing for a Future Beyond 2025.
- The ASEAN Mapping Exercise to Promote Synergy with Other Relevant Sectoral Bodies, ASEAN Centres, and Entities Associated with ASEAN on Disaster Management.

**Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Cambodia expressed deep concern over the continuing impact of disasters intensified by climate change and the current COVID-19 pandemic that has been spreading rapidly in the world resulting in recurrent loss of human lives and livelihoods, displacement of people, and environmental, economic, social and asset damages. In 2020 alone, a massive flash flood hit Cambodia and caused an estimated the total damage and loss to be USD 371 million.

On this note, Cambodia conveys its support of the Asia-Pacific Action Plan 2021-2024 for the implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR to be launched at the APP-DRR Forum 2021.

Finally, I would like to wish Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen with good health and the entire forum with great success.

**Thank You.**