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**Speech of H.E. Senior Minister Ieng Mouly, Chair of the NAA, delivered
during the Opening Ceremony in the First NAA Plenary Meeting of 2022**



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- Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen

It is a great honor and pleasure for me to lead and participate in “The first NAA plenary meeting of 2022” after missing our in-person gatherings, since mid-2019, due to the threat of COVID-19, which has caused serious political, public health, social and economic impact throughout the world.

Until now, the COVID-19 epidemic in Cambodia has significantly declined, allowing for the country to reopen and economic recovery to rise towards normalization. The Cambodian people and all institutions have shown high levels of enthusiasm and appreciation for this reopening.

Even though the COVID-19 epidemic is not completely eradicated, the success of Cambodia to control this disease clearly displays the highly effective governance of the Royal Government of Cambodia, under the leadership of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN.

Under the wise leadership of Samdech Techo, Cambodia is recognized as a great country with one of the highest vaccination coverage rates in the world. At the same time, even with the

COVID-19 disaster during the last two years, Cambodia has maintained a stable macro-economic environment and a strong social well-being.

On behalf of the NAA plenary meeting, I would like to congratulate and express the highest gratitude to Samdech Techo for his remarkable leadership in guiding us away from the COVID-19 disaster.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the NAA, I would like to express a warm welcome and appreciation to both national and international guests who have contributed valuable time and effort to participate in this first NAA plenary meeting. I would also like to recognize all the ministries and institutions, at the national and sub-national levels, and partner organizations who have been actively participating in the HIV/AIDS response, with fruitful outcomes.

Based on the UNAIDS report, published in 2021, the AIDS treatment coverage in Cambodia is the highest among countries in the Asia Pacific, surpassing Thailand, China, and Vietnam. We must join, hand in hand, to identify more PLHIV (approx. 12,000) who are still missing treatment to achieve 95-95-95 by 2025. At the same time, we have to do our best to implement the government notice number 213 S.C.N.SS, dated February 21st, 2019, on the six measures to strengthen the country system in a multi-sectoral response to HIV/AIDS to achieve the sustainable AIDS program in Cambodia.

The NAA would like to acknowledge the Ministry of Economy and Finance for the support of our national policy through issuing national procedures for the use of the national budget at the sub-national level. Additionally, the Ministry of Economy and Finance has been instrumental in helping to achieve AIDS elimination by 2025 through providing financial support to AIDS programs for related ministries and institutions.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen

Referencing the 2022 work plan, the first NAA plenary meeting is organized to review the progress, effectiveness, and achievements of the first six months of AIDS response in 2022. Furthermore, it is to collect and discuss on the ideas and recommendations from the plenary meeting today.

According to agenda, we have three presentations:

1. The Progress Report on the Implementation of the Strategic Plan V, presented by H.E. Dr. Chhim Khin Dareth, NAA General Secretary,
2. The draft sub-decree on the HIV Universal Precaution Against HIV Transmission, presented by H.E. Dr. Chhim Khin Dareth, NAA General Secretary,
3. The AIDS Ending Coordination by 2025, presented by H.E. Dr. Tia Phalla, Vice Chair of NAA,

Then, we will jointly discuss and pass the resolution of the first NAA plenary meeting of 2022.

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I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to our journey, infused with a clear vision and concrete expectations, towards ending AIDS in a short period of time. We all hope that the strong commitment and political support from Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, can help us build a sustainable and multi-sectoral HIV/AIDS response. Collectively, we have created a national body to lead, manage, eradicate, and facilitate the comprehensive and multi-sectoral response to HIV/AIDS in Cambodia through the Three Ones Principle: one national coordinating body, one national strategic plan, and one monitoring and evaluation system.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen

I strongly expect that the results from this meeting are meaningfully productive to the technical board. The technical board can apply the HIV/AIDS response in the next six months of 2022, based on the recommendations and resolution made and adopted by the first NAA plenary meeting in the coming hours.

To save time for the presentations, discussions, and comments from NAA members, I am glad to end my opening speech here.

I would like to wish Excellencies, Lok Chumteav, Ladies and Gentlemen with good health, strength, and mental acuity to participate in the discussion to successfully meet the planned objectives.

I would like to declare “The first NAA plenary meeting” opened. Thank you.