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*-Mr. President,
-Mr. Secretary General,
-Excellencies,
-Ladies and Gentlemen,*

- 1. At the outset, allow me to warmly congratulate His Excellency Mongens Lykketoft of Denmark on your election as the President of the 70th Session of the General Assembly. I am fully confident that under your able chairmanship, our august Assembly will proceed with productive conclusion.*

Mr. President

- 2. This year's gathering takes place at a critical juncture as we are celebrating the 70th anniversary of the United Nations. It is an opportunity to reflect on what our world body would deal with the nowadays' global challenges.*
- 3. Cambodia very much welcomes the adoption of the past 2015 "development agenda", which is an ambitious vision to build an inclusive society for sustainable development and put the world on a more equitable prosperity for all by 2030.*

But we believe that the key will lie on how to ensure successful achievement with the lessons learnt from MDG's. We sincerely believe that during the next 15 years, all stakeholders, developed and developing countries would join hands to follow-up this paramount "Development Agenda".

- 4. Poverty, food insecurity, and so on still remains stumbling blocks along the way ahead. Nowadays, over 800 million people are undernourished and living under the poverty line and the world's population will rise to 9 billion by 2050. Pressure on the food security will be further exacerbated. The answer to this challenge, I think, would be good governance, policy reform and more investments in food production.*
- 5. These challenges, aggravated by armed conflicts have forced more and more people to flee their home country. This phenomenon, exploited by human trafficking, has now reached an alarming scale in Europe, maybe a less degree in Asia. On this note, Cambodia expresses its deep compassion over the recent tragedy of maritime migrants in Europe.*

6. *Climate change constitutes another serious global challenge. While the industrialized countries have emitted the largest amount of greenhouse gas, and the developing countries mainly depend upon agriculture, have become prime victims of climate change with Storm, Typhoon, frequent flood and drought causing great impact on food security, poverty and social welfares.*
7. *Therefore Cambodia strongly hopes that the “21st Session of the Conference of Parties (COP-21) “in December in Paris, would produce binding conclusion in accordance with the principle of “Common but Differentiated Responsibilities” to effectively cope with the global threat of climate change and its following impacts on people well being.*
8. *For its part, Cambodia has officially launched the Cambodia Climate Change Strategic Plan 2014-2023 in November 2013 as the first-ever comprehensive national strategic plan to response to climate change through adaptation, mitigation and low-carbon development.*
9. *We also adopted the “National Strategic Plan on Green Development for 2013-2030”. Additionally; Cambodia has launched its National Council of Green Growth aiming at promoting green economy.*

Mr. President

10. *On international issues, Cambodia notes that criminal acts committed by violent extremist groups IS/ISIS and many other groups under different names in Africa, and Asia, continue to intensifying and spreading, in spite of allied bombing and national level military operations. Cambodia believes that all nations should forge concerted efforts in order to fight against those criminal and inhuman groups in a comprehensive and effective manner.*
11. *Cambodia welcomes the re-establishment of diplomatic relations between Cuba and the United States after 52 years of unjust embargo against the Cuban people. Cambodia also demands that all blockades be lifted unconditionally after the resumption of diplomatic relations.*
12. *Cambodia also welcomes the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action over the nuclear program between Iran and the P5 plus Germany. Cambodia shares the view that this Agreement will not only become a turning point in Iran-US relations, but also create an atmosphere conducive to regional peace, security and political stability.*

Mr. President,

- 13. In light of the world's new reality, Cambodia supports the UN reform aiming to make the UN more democratic and more effective to cope with the crucial challenges the world is facing. To that end, in Cambodia's view, the General Assembly should be more empowered to enhance global governance in the UN system. At the same time, ECOSOC has to follow up the effective implementation of the "2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", adopted unanimously by world's Leaders.***
- 14. The UN Security Council should be more democratic and representative in both permanent and non-permanent membership to assure universal peace and security in the face of the dangerous evolving situation which prevails in the world today.***

I thank you for your kind attention.