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His Excellency Permanent Deputy Prime Minister VONGSEY Vissoth presided over the meeting with international community and cooperation partners to discuss the Concept Paper on the establishment of the ECCC's Legacy Institution

(Phnom Penh): On Thursday morning, 19 June 2025, at the Friendship Building of the Office of the Council of Ministers, His Excellency **VONGSEY Vissoth**, Permanent Deputy Prime Minister, Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers, and Chairman of the Royal Government's Task Force on cooperation with the United Nations and Development Partners for the implementation of the ECCC Residual Functions, presided over the meeting to disseminate the Concept Paper on the establishment of Legacy Institution of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) and attended by a total of 60 attendees, including His Excellency **KEO Remy**, Senior Minister, His Excellency **NETH Pheaktra**, Minister of Information, His Excellency **Joseph Scheuer**, UN Resident Coordinator in Cambodia, 18 Resident and Non-Resident Ambassadors and representatives from embassies, as well as the representatives from relevant ministries/institutions, and other international organizations.

At the outset of the meeting, His Excellency Permanent Deputy Prime Minister recalled the deepest gratitude and constant remembrance of the great and priceless work and merits achieved by **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN Sen, former Prime Minister and currently President of the Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia** in liberating the country from the Pol Pot genocidal regime and bringing about peace, national reconciliation, national unity, and territorial unity for the first time in the last 500 years of Cambodia's more than 2,000-year long history, particularly the initiative to establish the ECCC, a model hybrid court with the participation of the United Nations and support from the international community. And currently, under the wise leadership of **Samdech Moha Bovor Thipadei HUN Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia**, the Cambodians continue to enjoy full peace, socio-economic development and improved living standards of the people, which are dividends of peace

achieved hardly by previous generation leaders, and transformation of Cambodia from a war-torn country to a country of constant development.

His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister also briefed the meeting on the far-sighted vision of **Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister**, who decided to establish a Legacy Institution of the ECCC in the future with the aim of strengthening and maintaining lasting peace in Cambodia, preventing the re-occurrence of horrendous atrocities and genocide, as well as sharing Cambodia's hard-won holistic experience in post-conflict resolution, peacebuilding and transitional justice to the regional and global levels. The mission of this Legacy Institution is to (1) manage and preserve archives related to the ECCC, (2) foster training and research on the achievements, valuable experiences and jurisprudence of the ECCC, (3) promote education and broaden outreach to the young generation and the general public to prevent renewed atrocities and genocide in Cambodia, and (4) establish partnership with national and international institutions to promote education, peacebuilding, prevention of genocide, and transitional justice.

Following the interactive discussions, the participants of the meeting expressed their full support for the upcoming establishment of this Legacy Institution and pledged their relevant supports enabling this Institution to become a key information center and research hub through education, outreach, and academic research at the national and international levels for promoting justice in peace and preventing future crimes and atrocities with the goal of maintaining lasting peace in Cambodia, the region, and the globe.

In closing, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister **VONGSEY Vissoth**, expressed his deep gratitude for the support of the United Nations and the international community to the ECCC process, and called on relevant stakeholders, the international community and other development partners, as well as private sector leaders and international organizations to join the initiative and support the new Cambodia's Institution with ideas and resources in partnership for the establishment of the ECCC's Legacy Institution, with the goal of contributing to our shared regional and global responsibilities for peacebuilding, post-conflict resolution and transitional justice.