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*Your Excellency Chair,
Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,*

It is indeed a great honour and pleasure of my delegation and I to be invited by the United Nations and the Government of Mexico to the 5th Global Platform for DRR in Cancun, Mexico.

At the outset, I would like to extend my congratulation and appreciation to the Government of Mexico and UNISDR for the valuable support, excellent arrangements and the warm hospitality extended to all guests, including Cambodia's delegation attending in this significant platform.

In the name of **H.E. Dr. Nhim Vanda**, Senior Minister in charge of Permanent Vice President of NCDM of the Royal Government of Cambodia, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep sympathy and condolences to all mankind in the region and outside the region who have lost their lives and suffered from the most recent deadly natural disasters including floods, earthquakes, landslides, cyclones and others.

The chosen theme for the 5th GPDRR "***From Commitment To Action***" is aligned with Cambodia's priorities which underlines the strengthening and expanding close cooperation with stakeholders in addressing the national, regional and global challenges of disasters and climate change for a better disaster risk-informed and prepared world.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Since the Sendai Framework for DRR 2015-2030 was adopted at the Third UN World Conference, the NCDM has committed to effective implementation of DRR as the leading institution in coordination with stakeholders and especially the UN systems to obtain the remarkable achievement including:

- DM Law of Cambodia had been enacted and promulgated on 10 July 2015 and being disseminated to the nationwide at all levels;
- Mainstreamed DRR into development plans of the Education, Health, Agriculture and Water Resource sectors;
- Developed a Strategic Plan on CC for DRM Sector 2014-2023;
- Developed the Disaster Loss and Damage Database of Cambodia (CamDi) which introduced by UNISDR;
- Translated the Sendai Framework for DRR document into national language and disseminated to the DRR actors and stakeholders in the country;
- Established the Cambodian Food Reserve System in order for the disaster response and other emergency events in timely manner;
- Overall estimated the Cambodia Public Investment in DRR/DRM/CCA to be **USD523 million**, which is approximately **4.16%** out of the total investment plan budget of **USD12.57 billion** for the period 2013-2017.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As we may aware of that DRM and DRR are the long-term and complex issues which require all countries to jointly address. In the name of the Royal Government of Cambodia, we would like to prioritize on implementation of the following tasks:

- Being prepared the UNISDR indicators and terminology related to DRR in national language for the general use;
- Strengthening institutions and developing subsidiary legislations for DM at all levels based on actual situations of the country;
- Updating the NAP-DRR to be aligned with Sendai Framework, SDGs and Paris Agreement on CC;
- Promoting and strengthening communication and cooperation in disaster management, particularly continuing to enhance the exchange of more in-depth information;
- Promoting partnership by ensuring an open and favourable environment for relevant stakeholders at all levels to engage in DM;
- Integration DRR into development plans at all levels, by formulating and implementing community-based action plans for each region in cooperation with stakeholders;
- Strengthening disaster preparedness and response plans with proper mechanisms to ensure the efficient implementation of the action plan;
- Continuing to strengthen and expand insurance system as well as developing new insurance schemes to respond to disaster risks, especially life insurance and micro-insurance;
- Enhancing the capacity of national and sub-national levels, especially communities on DRR by linking between CCA and SDG; and
- Continuing the cooperation with stakeholders to organize the National DRR Forum.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Before ending, allow me to reaffirm the Cambodia's commitment to DRR in order to achieve sustainable and risk resilient development and its persistent efforts towards the implementation of the Sendai Framework's seven global targets at international, regional, national and local levels.

We welcomed the High level Communiqué and Chair's Summary, that will provide valuable input and to ensure that risk-informed approach is at the centre of the implementation and review of SDG.

At the end, I would like to wish Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen with good health and the entire platform with great success.

I Thank You Very Much.