



**Joint Annual UNDAF Review Meeting
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Closing Remarks

- Excellencies
- Colleagues from the Government
- Ms. Claire Van der Vaeren and other distinguished representatives of the UN System in Cambodia
- Ladies and Gentlemen

Claire to be invited to offer concluding remarks prior to the close

- 1- Our meeting has now come to an end. I would like to express my appreciation for the rich and insightful discussion that we have had today, and for the clear comments and recommendations from all the participants. I wish to share just a few short observations with you as we close for the day. The achievements of UNDAF in 2015 - which focuses on supporting the provision of essential social services and strengthening systems of governance - position the UN very well to play an important role in complementing and supporting the efforts of the Royal Government. Moreover, the guidance that emerged from this meeting will lead to concrete actions for implementing the UN programme priorities in 2016 for the new phase of UNDAF that has recently begun. Therefore, I would like to kindly suggest that the UN Resident Coordinator take today's comments into account.
- 2- Many interesting and insightful issues have been highlighted through the presentations and discussions this afternoon. The need for inclusive and diversified growth is an area on which we have seen satisfying achievements and we are poised for further progress, especially in the agriculture, education, and health. But of course there remains much to be done, including on climate change resilience and gender equality. We also need to prioritise the Industrial Development Policy that will be the central foundation for maintaining growth and ensuring widespread and sustainable benefits. Support to national capacities and systems is key to ensuring that we can strengthen and sustain the progress to date and we learned from our governance discussion of how UN support is central to our work on promoting improved public service delivery, especially for National and sub-national level, and also to promoting decent standards of work in the private sector.

[Make reference to any other important areas of discussion or agreement from notes taken during the meeting]

Excellences, Ladies and Gentlemen

- 3- The Royal Government of Cambodia is prioritizing the advancement of social services and strengthening human resources both at national and sub-national and is working with our partners from the UN to achieve our common objectives. Our national priorities are linked to the UNDAF and are also strongly associated with global development frameworks such as the SDGs. This alignment will promote effective partnership that will help Cambodia to reach its ambitious goal to become an upper-middle income country by 2030 and a high-income country by 2050.

Excellences, Ladies and Gentlemen

- 4- In conclusion, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the participants and presenters for giving their valuable time to participate in this meeting. I thank **H.E. Claire Van der Vaeren**, UN Resident Coordinator, her staff and all UN Agency Heads and staff. In addition, I must congratulate my colleagues from the Royal Government for their sustained commitments and inputs that have guided the UN to ensure that its work is relevant to the needs of Cambodia and is results-based. I wish you good fortune in implementing the 2016 UNDAF work programme and so now please allow me to declare this meeting closed.

Thank you!