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Closing Remarks

- Colleagues from the Government
- Honorable Ambassadors, Distinguished Representatives of Development Partners
- Ladies and Gentlemen

1. Many thanks to Ian Porter for those words on behalf of development partners. Let me say that I share many of the views that you have expressed – indeed, they echo many of my earlier comments – and I look forward to future GDCC meetings where we can continue this dialogue in a spirit of partnership.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen

2. It is now time for me to close this meeting. Before I do, please allow me to say that it has been a sincere privilege to chair this first meeting of the Cambodia Development Cooperation Forum and to facilitate our discussions over the last two days. I believe we have made significant progress and I thank each and every one of you for playing your part that has made this meeting so worthwhile. At this stage, I would particularly like to thank my colleague Chhieng Yanara and his team at the Cambodian Rehabilitation and Development Board, as well as the interpreters, who have worked so hard behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of this meeting.

3. Finally, ladies and gentlemen, I have two short administrative announcements:

   - First, I would like to propose that, subject to further dialogue within Government and with our development partners, we provisionally set the date for our next CDCF meeting as December 2008.

   - Second, after taking a short break, a Press Conference for the CDCF chair will be organized.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen

4. This brings us to the end of our meeting. I thank you once again for your participation and, for those of you who have traveled to join us here in Phnom Penh for this first CDCF meeting, please allow me to wish you a safe journey home.

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