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at the

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Guiding United Nations Development System's Support in Response to Interlined
Crises and to Accelerate Progress Towards the Sustainable Development Goals
Interactive Dialogue with the Secretary-General

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Thank you Chair,

1. Allow me to start by thanking the Secretary-General and his team for the report on the “Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review”. The contribution to SDG’s progress of the UN Development System (UNDS) and the leadership of the SG and USG and the UN Resident Coordinators (UNRC) are indeed commendable.
2. Cambodia highly appreciates the support, under the UN Assistance Framework 2019-2023, for our effort in sustaining and enhancing the achievement of the SDG 2030 Agenda. Good partnership between my government and the UN country team has contributed to good outcomes on **expanding our people’s social and economic opportunities, enhancing sustainable living and urbanization, and on strengthening participation and inclusion** for a peaceful and more prosperous society, with no one left behind.
3. Cambodia is among the most successful in responding to COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on lives and livelihood. A whole-of government and people-centered approach, as well as the ability to engender synergies and alignment between national development policies and strategies with those of external partners, in particular, the UN Development System leads to Cambodia’s transformation for the better. Nevertheless, we still have a rocky path towards SDG 2030.

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen

1. While in transition out of the Least Developed status, Cambodia is preparing for the next development step; Our **National Strategic Development Plan for 2024-2028** and the **Pentagon Development Strategy Phase I** is in the finalizing process. The new plan and strategy build on the achievement of the current ones, but with stronger emphasis on enhancing resilience, sustainability and inclusion, with a new priority on digital transformation of our government, our economy and our human capital. Cambodia highly values further support and cooperation from the UN Development System and other development partners to achieve our SDGs’ priorities, in line with our new development plan and strategy.
2. My delegation joins others in calling for greater international cooperation, timely and well-coordinated support and assistance in terms of finance, technology, and sharing of best practices to ensure better outcomes for the 2030 SDG Agenda and a better world for all.

I thank you for your attention.