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- **H.E Ban Ki Moon , Secretary General of the United Nations**
- **H.E General Assembly President**
- **H.E Head of states and country representatives**
- **Delegates , Ladies and Gentlemen**

First of all on behalf of **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Decho Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Kingdom of Cambodia**, May I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to H.E Ban Ki-Moon , Secretary General of the United Nations for honoring and inviting Cambodia to the UNGASS meeting on HIV and AIDS. With this important event, may I also take this opportunity to congratulate and highly appreciate this eminent initiative to monitor the progress, challenges and to find out the way forward to solve the emerging issues related to HIV and AIDS.

In this auspicious occasion on behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia and Cambodian people, may I extend my deep respect and gratitude to government and people

of friendly countries, development partners, civil society organizations, United Nations for their funding support for HIV and AIDS response which enable us to achieve the MDG6. With this prideful accomplishment we received the award from United Nations on 19 September 2010.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The success in Cambodia is a result of combined collaborative efforts of legislative institutions, government, civil society organizations, private sector, development partners, PLHIV and the networks of the Most At Risk Populations. May I take this opportunity to pinpoint the following key achievements:

1. With high commitment and wisdom of our Prime Minister, the National AIDS Authority has been created to be a leading mechanism of comprehensive and multi-sectoral response to HIV and AIDS since 1999. This mechanism has been countrywide extended to sub-national level. The 100% condom use programme has been implemented all over the country in 1999. The Law on HIV and AIDS Prevention and control has been officially promulgated since 2002 to ensure the effectiveness of comprehensive response.
2. With deep and compassionate support of His Majesty the King and the active participation of our First Lady, Chair of the Cambodian Red Cross , the stigma and discrimination on PLHIV , OVC and their families has been remarkably reduced countrywide.
3. Cambodia is having a clear policies and strategies addressing Most At Risk Populations through the creation of enabling environment especially with active participation of communities and faith based organizations.
4. With the initiative of global fund , Cambodia could scale up its effective prevention, care , treatment and support programme to reach its target group coverage , geographic coverage and the service coverage to achieve almost the Cambodia Universal Access Target in 2010.

As a result of these efforts, I wish to show the following evidences:

1. HIV prevalence among adult population has decreased from 2% in 1998 to 0,7% in 2010.
2. More than 90% of general people have been aware on the prevention to HIV and AIDS.
3. More than 80% of Most At Risk Populations use consistently condom.
4. More than 90% of eligible PLHIV have been receiving ART.
5. More than 70% of OVC have been receiving social support namely food/nutrition package, health and education support and vocational training.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Cambodia has been successfully controlling the first HIV and AIDS wave which has occurred in the past decades. However, the emerging situation and underlying determinants cause a great concern for us. We are challenging the second HIV and AIDS wave with the very fast evolving conditions which MARPs have been exposed. These are:

1. The trend of Entertainment Workers (EW) is increasing with different pictures that cause difficulty in implementing the 100% Condom Use Program.
2. The trend of MSM and Transgender in the cities and provinces is increasing.
3. There is a significant increasing trend of Drug Users including oral and injection use especially among youth.
4. The increase of people on the move inside and cross-border has been aggravating the vulnerabilities of Migrant and Mobile Population.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

With the participation of all concerned stakeholders especially Development Partners, our Third National Strategic Plan for Comprehensive and Multi-sectoral Response 2011-2015 has been developed with seven strategic areas.

With the NSPIII, seven National Working Groups have been assigned to take the lead in managing respective priorities in each strategy and to monitor the progress against the targets.

Along with this initiative, we are very mindful in capitalizing on the Deconcentration and Decentralization efforts to promote comprehensive and multi-sectoral response to HIV and AIDS including gender equity to assure the sustainability of the response through the strengthening of the national and sub-national mechanism.

Basically we are using the Three Ones Principle to achieve the Three Zero Strategies namely Zero new Infection, Zero AIDS related Death, Zero Discrimination in order to assure Zero duplication, Zero incoherence and Zero waste. With this sublime endeavor, I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully request the Bilateral, Multilateral Donors and especially the global fund to continue to help Cambodian people in avoiding the second wave of HIV and AIDS as a part of the contribution to regional and global effort whereby the implementation of the Paris declaration of Aid Effectiveness would be consistently pursued.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Once again, on behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia and Cambodian people, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude and extend our high appreciation to the efforts of HE Ban Ki-Moon Secretary General of the United Nations and the former Secretary General of the United Nations for the initiative in organizing the UNGASS Special Session on HIV and AIDS and especially the genius creation of the GFATM to assist the poor countries including Cambodia enabling us to achieve the 2015 MDG.

May I wish a successful meeting and thank you very much for your kind attention.

Thank You.