

**Minutes of the Second Technical Consultative Meeting Among Three Sending  
Countries (Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar)  
on the Roles of Sending Countries  
For  
Strengthening Protection of Migrants Against Human Trafficking and Exploitation  
30-31 October 2019  
Siem Reap, Kingdom of Cambodia**

The second technical consultative meeting among the delegations from the Kingdom of Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was held in Siem Reap, Kingdom of Cambodia, on the 30th-31st October 2019. The objectives of the meeting are:

- 1) to learn the new incidents and tendency of migration for exploring measures to prevent irregular migration, trafficking in persons and all forms of exploitation in migration cycle, and to promote safe, regular and orderly migration; and
- 2) to identify common key issues and exchange experiences in solving those problems by strengthening collaboration in prevention, law enforcement and victim protection in respective countries and at the destination countries.

The Inter-Ministerial Delegation of the Kingdom of Cambodia is comprised of representatives of the National Committee on Counter Trafficking in Persons (NCCT); Ministry of Interior; Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training; Ministry of Women's Affairs; Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation; Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation; General Commissariat of National Police; General Department of Immigration; Department of Anti-Human Trafficking and Juvenile Protection and eight relevant provinces; which is led by Her Excellency Chou Bun Eng, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Interior and Permanent Vice Chairperson of NCCT.

The Inter-Ministerial Delegation of Lao People's Democratic Republic is comprised of representatives of the National Committee on Anti-Trafficking in Persons, Ministry of Public Security; Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare; and Lao Women's Union, led by Pol. Col. Dr. Phengsavanh Thipphavongsay, Deputy Director General of the General Police Department of the Ministry of Public Security, Head of the Secretariat to the National Committee on Anti-Trafficking in Persons.

The Inter-Ministerial Delegation of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is comprised of representatives of the Central Body for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons; Ministry of Home Affairs; Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population; which is led by Major General Aung Thu Deputy Minister, Ministry of Home Affairs and Vice Chairperson of the Central Body for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons.

Also present at the meeting as observers are representatives of International Organization for Migration (IOM), UN WOMEN, International Justice Mission (IJM), Ratanak International, Chabdai, Winrock International, ASEAN-Australia Counter-Trafficking (ASEAN-ACT),

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Gruppo di Volontariato Civile (GVC) and Agape International Mission (AIM) and the representative of private sector, the Association of Cambodia Recruitment Agencies (ACRA).

The meeting was presided over by Samdech Krolahom Sar Kheng, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Ministry of Interior, and Chairperson of the National Committee for Counter Trafficking in Persons of the Kingdom of Cambodia. During the opening speech, Samdech Krolahom recommended that the countries should find ways to focus only on the roles of sending countries to protect rights and interests of migrant workers but not undermine the interests of the receiving countries and he highlighted the roles of sending and receiving countries to implement ASEAN Consensus on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers, ASEAN Convention Against Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children and Global Compact on Migration which have been adopted recently.

After welcoming speech delivered by the Head of Cambodian Delegation, the Head of the Lao Delegation and the Head of Myanmar Delegation shared their impressions and remarks by stressing the importance of the Meeting. In the meantime, the Chief of IOM Mission in Cambodia also gave her key note address on the trend of migration and expressed her strong support for this initiative.

After the opening session, the meeting discussed the issues/challenges around migration, particularly at-risk migration. The delegations of the three countries recognize that migration contribute to the economic development of the sending and receiving countries; but acknowledge that some common challenges remain to address and to enhance the protection of the rights of migrant workers. These key challenges, include, but not limited to:

1. Collaboration and coordination between the sending and receiving countries to prevent irregular migration, to investigate and suppress offenders and to assist victims are still challenging;
2. Information on safe migration is not enough for potential migrant workers;
3. Some people still go to work in the receiving countries without documents or holding invalid documents;
4. Data management system of migrant workers in the sending and receiving countries is still weak;
5. Migrants are still deceived by brokers.

The meeting agreed that the two objectives are achieved; however, the common solutions need to be explored comprehensively further and will be exchanged via diplomatic channel afterward.

The venue and date of the next meeting will be communicated at a later date.



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The minutes is not bound by legal obligation of the Parties. Signed on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019, Siem Reap, Kingdom of Cambodia

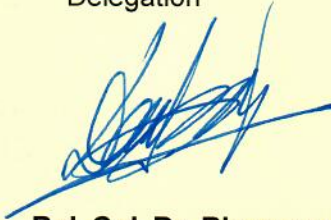
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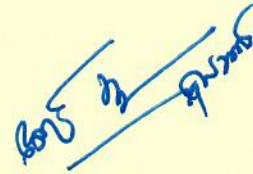
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