REPORT
ON
Tenth Senior Officials Meeting (SOM10)
AND
Fourth Inter-Ministerial Meeting (IMM4)

Phnom Penh 28-30 April 2015
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Human Trafficking is a serious human rights abuse and crime that cannot be tolerated. Cambodia is a country that has been affected by human trafficking and has been paying serious attention in actively combating this crime as well as pushing for the implementation of “UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crimes” and “The Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children”.

In 2009 the Royal Government of Cambodia established the National Committee to Lead the Suppression of Human Trafficking, Smuggling, Labour Exploitation and Sexual Exploitation in Women and Children (S.T.S.L.S). This Committee was restructured in 2014 with its name changed to “National Committee for Counter Trafficking” (NCCT) in order to strengthen inter-ministerial cooperation and coordination among relevant stakeholders to combat human trafficking on a larger scale and in an effective manner.

The Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Trafficking (COMMIT) is a government-led process incorporating six countries in the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) including Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam in a formal alliance to combat human trafficking. The COMMIT Process was initiated in 2004 along with the COMMIT Memorandum of Understanding; which was signed by representatives of the six GMS governments with an aim to strengthen cooperation and coordination, including the implementation of an international standard and consistent bilateral and multilateral efforts among governments and non-government organizations in the GMS in combatting human trafficking.

COMMIT Senior Officials Meetings take place on an annual basis in each member country and COMMIT Inter-Ministerial Meetings take place every three years. The first COMMIT Senior Officials Meeting (SOM1) was held in 2004 in Bangkok, Thailand, and the first COMMIT Inter-Ministerial Meeting (IMM1) was held in 2004 in Yangon, Myanmar and subsequently in other member countries.

In 2015, Cambodia is honored to have hosted the 10th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM10) and the 4th Inter-Ministerial Meeting (IMM4) from the 28th to the 30th of April 2015 under the theme “The COMMIT Process: Regional COMMIT to End Human Trafficking Through Unity
and Innovation” with fruitful results. Samdech Kralahom SarKheng, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior and Chair of NCCT, representative of Samdech Akka Moha Senapadei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia presided over the meetings. Similar to the previous meetings, these two meetings reviewed implementation and efforts under the COMMIT process as well as set goals and strategies to combat human trafficking in the future. The aim of the meeting was to strengthen anti-trafficking efforts in the Greater Mekong Sub-region through the COMMIT Process. With supports provided by the Royal Government of Cambodia; other COMMIT governments; UN-ACT; development partners; national and international organizations; and private sector; the meetings concluded successfully.

This document is prepared in order to provide a basis for all the six COMMIT Taskforces in the implementation of the COMMIT Process. This document contains important publication such as the fourth Sub-regional Plan of Action (SPA IV), the third Joint Declaration of the Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Trafficking as well as several significant documents in the appendix. This document can be beneficial for practitioners and those interested to learn and to contribute to the fight against human trafficking locally and internationally.

Finally, I would like to convey my profound thanks to the six governments that are COMMIT members for all the good cooperation we have had. Especially, I would like to convey my deepest thanks to Samdech Akka Moha Senapadei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Samdech Kralahom Sar Kheng, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior and Chair of NCCT, for the whole-hearted support and for allowing Cambodia to host these momentous meetings. I would like to also thank the Cambodian COMMIT Taskforce, the meeting organizing committees, donors, development partners, NGOs and private sector in the organization and support of the meetings bringing about great success as expected.

Phnom Penh 27 November 2015

Minister of Women’s Affairs
Vice-Chair of NCCT

H.E. Dr. Ing Kantha Phavi
On behalf of the Cambodian COMMIT Taskforce and myself, I would like to express great pleasure that the 10th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM10) and the 4th Inter-Ministerial Meeting (IMM4) – held on 28-30 April 2015 in Phnom Penh under the theme “The COMMIT Process: Regional COMMIT to End Human Trafficking Through Unity and Innovation”, presided over by Samdech Kralahom Sar Kheng, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior and Chair of NCCT, representative of Samdech Akka Moha Senapadei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia – went smoothly and successfully concluded with remarkable results. I would like to convey my thanks and appreciations to Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, who showed their best in actively organizing, participating and supporting these meetings.

We are very proud to witness the participation of Ministers, Vice-Ministers, Secretary Generals, Diplomats and Senior Officials – who are Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and members of the six COMMIT Taskforces in the Greater Mekong Sub-region countries – representative from the government of Malaysia, representative from ASEAN Secretariat in charge of human trafficking, representatives of donor agencies, United Nations, national and international private sectors, national and international civil society, and youth representatives from the six-countries. On behalf of the Ministry of Women’s Affairs, Royal Cambodian Government, and Chair of Cambodian COMMIT Taskforce, I highly appreciate the fruitful results of the meetings. We all hope and firmly believe that the brilliant results obtained from these two meetings will become an important base to initiate new concepts and to continue implementing policies and activities to combat human trafficking, especially to strengthen closer and stronger cooperation between the six GMS countries.

I would like to profoundly thank the Royal Government of Cambodia, development partners, international organizations, non-government organizations, civil society as well as private sectors for both financial and technical support which helped the organization of the Senior Officials Meeting, gala dinner celebrating 10 years of the COMMIT Process, and
the Inter-ministerial Meeting. The meetings went smoothly and concluded successfully with results achieved as planned that being to change the social behavior in accordance with current realities. Such outcomes would not have been possible without financial and technical support from the government of Norway, the government of Sweden, UN-ACT, ILO, World Vision, Ratanak International, AFESIP, Terre Des Hommes, Child Fund, Cambodia-ACTs, IOM, DFAT through AAPTIP, USAID through Winrock, Sokimex, and Sokha Phnom Penh Hotel and Residence.

I would like to convey my profound thanks to the Royal Government of Cambodia and COMMIT member countries, especially Samdech Kralahom Sar Kheng, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior and Chair of NCCT, representative of Samdech Akka Moha Senapadei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, in presiding over the 4th Inter-Ministerial Meeting as well as Gala Dinner to celebrate 10-years anniversary of the COMMIT Process. I would like to profoundly thank H.E. Dr. Ing Kantha Phavi, Minister of Women’s Affairs and Vice-Chair of NCCT for directly led both meetings smoothly and successfully. I would like to also profoundly thank H.E. Chou Bun Eng, Secretary of State and Permanent Vice-chair of NCCT, NCCT Secretariat and officials who actively contributed to these meetings.

I would like to wish Samdech, Excellencies, Oknha, ladies and gentlemen, national and international guests who attended the meetings good health and successes in all endeavors, especially in combating human trafficking.

Thank you.

Phnom Penh 19 November 2015

Secretary of State,
Ministry of Women’s Affairs
Chair of Cambodian COMMIT Taskforce

H.E. San Arun
Introduction
The Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Trafficking (COMMIT) is a government-led process incorporating the six countries in the Greater Mekong Sub-region (Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam) in a formal alliance to combat human trafficking. The COMMIT Process was initiated in 2004 to create a sustained and effective system of cross-border cooperation and collaboration to combat human trafficking. Anti-trafficking activities implemented in support of COMMIT are designed and implemented through innovative partnerships between numerous GMS government ministries and development partners. The approach is a consultative and collaborative one that involves civil society, victim support agencies, international organizations, and trafficked persons, including children and youth.

The objectives of the COMMIT Process are:

- To promote and strengthen systems and arrangements of inter-country and regional cooperation against human trafficking;
- To establish a holistic regional response, covering all aspects of the trafficking problem and ensuring that concern for the victim is at the center of all interventions;
- To identify and adapt successful models in one country to others as appropriate; and
- To enhance national capacities to address human trafficking in order to facilitate each country’s engagement at the regional level, building on existing strengths in each country.

COMMIT Senior Officials Meetings take place on an annual basis and COMMIT Inter-Ministerial Meetings take place every three years. The first COMMIT Senior Officials (SOM1) Meeting was held in 2004 in Thailand and the subsequent meetings were hosted in each COMMIT member country. The first COMMIT Inter-Ministerial Meeting (IMM1) was held in 2004 in Myanmar. Based on the agreement among the six countries, SOM10 and IMM4 was held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in 2015. As with previous meetings, SOM10 and IMM4 focused on reviewing implementation and efforts under the COMMIT Process over the past years and on setting future goals to combat human trafficking.

SOM10 and IMM4 were held with an aim to strengthen anti-trafficking efforts in the Greater Mekong Sub-region through the COMMIT Process. The objectives of the two meetings were:
• To successfully hold the SOM10 and IMM4, demonstrating political will to combat human trafficking at the policy level;
• To review progress and share good practices in Anti-Trafficking in the Greater Mekong Sub-region;
• To demonstrate innovation in fighting against human trafficking
• To formally agree to the implementation of the SPA IV, for 2015-18;
• To encourage greater collaboration between COMMIT governments and other anti-trafficking stakeholders;
• To engage countries beyond GMS; and
• To show continued commitment through the endorsement of a new joint declaration for fighting against human trafficking.
Proceedings and Results
The tenth COMMIT Senior Officials Meeting (SOM10) was held under the theme “COMMIT Process: Regional Commitment to combat Human Trafficking through Unity and Innovation” on 28-29 April 2015 at Sokha Phnom Penh Hotel & Residence. The meeting was presided over by H.E Dr. Ing Kantha Phavi, Minister of Women’s Affairs and Vice-Chair of National Committee for Counter Trafficking (NCCT).

Attended the meeting were about 270 national and international guests who were government officials and senior government officials from the Greater Mekong Sub-region countries, representatives from Malaysia, ASEAN Secretariat, international organizations, United Nations agencies, donor countries, civil society organizations, private sector, youth, media, and relevant anti-trafficking stakeholders in the region.
After a courtesy call for heads of COMMIT Taskforces and UN-ACT Regional Manager with H.E. Dr. Ing Kantha Phavi, Minister of Women’s Affairs and Vice Chair of NCCT concluded, H.E. San Arun, Secretary of State and Chair of Cambodian COMMIT taskforce delivered the welcome remarks welcoming all meeting participants and sharing important information on the objectives of the COMMIT Process. H.E. San Arun emphasized that human trafficking is a new slavery crime and a serious human rights abuse with sophisticated intersecting relations with many issues, in particular the market economy and development. The perpetrators should be prosecuted and victims should receive protection and justice.

Ms. Caitlin Wiesen, Chief of Regional Policy and Programme Support from UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub delivered a special remarks with a special mention made to the theme of the meetings “Unity and Innovation” that the anti-trafficking community should continue working in a collaborative and mutually supportive manner and continue sharing skills, knowledge and expertise in combating human trafficking. Ms. Wiesen believed that the meetings would lead to better regional coordination and collaboration to help tackle this gravest from of human rights abuse more strategically and effectively.

Mr. Erik Svedahl, Minister Counsellor from the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Bangkok delivered a special remarks congratulating and appreciating the six countries and all relevant stakeholders especially United Nations agencies and all partner organizations that work in support of the COMMIT Process. Mr. Svedahl thanked and appreciated the Royal Government of Cambodia for their efforts in making these meetings a reality. At the end of his special remarks, Mr. Svedahl mentioned to all participants that
they used valuable knowledge and experience gained over the past years through the COMMIT Process to improve the implementation, intervention, and prosecutions of criminals so as to ensure proper protection for vulnerable communities from this heinous crime.

In her opening speech, H.E. Dr. Ing Kantha Phavi, Minister of Women’s Affairs and Vice Chair of NCCT, shared information on positive and remarkable results stemming from good cross-border collaboration against human trafficking under the COMMIT Process focusing on policy, prevention, protection and prosecution. The Minister stated that the Royal Government of Cambodia acknowledged that human trafficking was a serious issue and the government had been trying very hard to continue to tackle this problem. The Minister expected that the meeting would provide an opportunity for the six governments to reaffirm their strong commitment in the fight against human trafficking through bilateral and multilateral cooperation from all countries in a strategic and highly effective manner.

Technical working session of Senior Officials Meeting was divided into seven different sub-sessions including:

1. **Good Practices and Lessons Learned**

   In this session, senior officials from the six governments presented and shared their experiences in combating human trafficking under the COMMIT Process. The officials also reported about achievements as resulted from their efforts during the past 10 years.

   The Royal government of Cambodia has achieved remarkable results in the effort to combat trafficking in persons during the last 10 years. Some of the results include the adoption of the Law on Suppression of Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation 2008, Policy and Minimum Standards for Protection of the Rights of Victims of Human Trafficking 2009; development and implementation of first National Plan of Action (2011-2013); adoption and promulgation of the second National Plan of Action (2014-2018); establishment of National Committee on Counter Trafficking; inclusion of human trafficking
issues into teacher training curriculum; and pre-departure training for the migrant workers who were leaving for their employment abroad.

China has also achieved remarkable results with their efforts in combatting trafficking in persons during the last 10 years. The results include, for instance, the implementation of National Plan of Action (2008-2015) and (2013-2020), amendments of laws to include more severe punishments, launching of special campaign against human trafficking called 'Counter-Trafficking Storm', and the deployment of the national anti-trafficking DNA database.

During the last 10 years, Lao has shown a considerable efforts in combatting trafficking in persons including adoption and implementation of National Plan of Action (2013-2014), development of draft law on anti-human trafficking, provisions of trainings and launching of numerous campaigns to prevent and combat human trafficking.

Similarly, Myanmar during the last 10 years has put several efforts to combat trafficking in persons. These include, for example, the adoption of law on anti-human trafficking in 2005, implementation of the first National Plan of Action (2007-2011) and the second National Plan of Action (2012-2016), establishment of information center for victims of human trafficking, and establishment of Central Body for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons with different working groups from national to community level.

In an effort to combat human trafficking, Thailand has made several achievements during the last 10 years including, for instance, adoption of law on anti-human trafficking in 2008,
provisions of various trainings and workshops to prevent and suppress human trafficking, establishment of bilateral Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) with bordering countries, organizing multilateral consultative meetings on the roles of public persecutors in prosecuting cross-border trafficking cases, and development of integrated database on the prevention and suppression of trafficking in persons.

Vietnam has put significant efforts during the last 10 years to combat human trafficking. Vietnam has made numerous achievements including adoption of Law on Human Trafficking in 2011, enhancing capacity for agencies specializing in anti-human trafficking, development of Minimum Standard Set on victim protection and assistance, and adoption and implementation of National Plans of Action (2004-2010) and (2011-2015).

All Heads of COMMIT Taskforces from the six countries also shared with the meeting on various of their efforts in bilateral and multi-lateral cooperation, good practices, as well as lessons learned during the last 10 years of their fights against trafficking in persons. (For more detailed information please see relevant documents which can be downloaded through the links provided in the appendix).

2. Unity and Partnership

Ms. Khine Myat Chit, Senior Officer in the Security Cooperation Division from ASEAN Secretariat gave a presentation on ASEAN’s regional collaboration in combating trafficking in
Ms. Chit shared information on participation of ASEAN in the fight against trafficking in persons including initiating the first ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime in 1997. This meeting led to the development and signing of the ‘ASEAN Declaration Against Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children’ in 2004. The ASEAN Secretariat together with ASEAN member countries had been working on the development and finalization of the draft ASEAN Convention Against Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children (ACTIP) and ASEAN Plan of Action Against Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children (APA).

H.E. Ms. Syuhaida Binti Abdul Wahab Zen, Deputy Undersecretary, Ministry of Home Affairs of Malaysia, gave a presentation sharing information on the situation of trafficking in persons in Malaysia and how the Malaysian government responded to the situation. H.E. Ms. Deputy Undersecretary also shared information on several bilateral and multilateral cooperation agreements Malaysia had with other countries. Malaysia also discussed the development of a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on anti-trafficking in persons with Cambodia and Thailand.

3. Victims’ experience

Mr. Brett Dickson, Program Manager of International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Cambodia, gave a presentation on research study on ‘Health and Human Trafficking in the Greater Mekong Sub-region’ conducted by IOM and London School for Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. The research study showed both the physical and mental health consequences suffered by victims of human trafficking. The research study raised suggestions and
provided a number of recommendations to governments, donor countries, national and international organizations, health care service providers as well as to future researchers in the field to acknowledge that human trafficking brings with it both physical and mental health impacts to the trafficked victims and to also acknowledge the various health risks faced by the victims.

4. Innovation

Mr. Pin Virak, representative from the Association of Cambodian Recruitment Agencies (ACRA), gave a presentation on how private sector in Cambodia involved in anti-human trafficking activities. Mr. Virak shared information on how the private sector engaged in the protection of rights of workers, participated in information campaign on safe migration, and provided pre-departure orientations to workers leaving for work abroad.

Mr. Stefan Sjöström, Vice-President in charge of Public Sector for Asia at Microsoft Operations Pte. Ltd, provided information on the role of Microsoft in the fight against human trafficking through the use of modern technology and software innovated and developed by this company. Through modern technology, Microsoft collaborated with police and competent authorities in many countries to search and arrest perpetrators of human trafficking.

Ms. Karen Emmons, Independent Journalist, shared information on media involvement in the fight against human trafficking emphasising the various crucial roles media plays in combating human trafficking. She highlighted that the media can help spread information and uncover clandestine and sophisticated networks of human traffickers. Ms. Emmons urged all countries to continue their close collaboration and sharing of information related to human trafficking with the media to ensure it could be
further widespread.

5. **Youth Engagement**

Six youth representatives from the COMMIT countries introduced themselves to the meeting and expressed their pleasure to be chosen as youth representatives for their countries to participate in this senior officials meeting. The six youth representatives also shared brief information on their anti-trafficking activities in their respective countries. The youth representatives also mentioned to the meeting concerns and suggestions based on the results of their regional COMMIT Youth Forum on the theme: ‘Youth support governments in efforts to prevent human trafficking in communities’.

6. **Unity**

In the spirit of unity and collaboration to combat human trafficking, chairs of COMMIT countries examined the final draft of the fourth COMMIT Sub-regional Plan of Action (SPA-IV) detailing the implementation plan of activities to combat human trafficking in 2015-2018. After finishing their final review, representatives of the six countries took turnsto mention their approval statements to formally endorse the fourth Sub-regional Plan of Action (SPA-IV).

**Mr. John Whan Yoon**, representative of World Vision Regional Office and **Ms. Warangkana Mutumol**, representative from Save the Children Regional Office, gave a presentation together on civil society organizations support to the implementation of activities under SPA IV.

7. **Way Forward**

**H.E San Arun**, Secretary of State and Chair of COMMIT Taskforce in Cambodia, read the final draft of the third Joint COMMIT Declaration to all Chairs of other COMMIT countries and the meeting participants to finally scrutinize the contents of the joint declaration before it was signed. After attentive listening and careful examination of the contents of the draft, the six COMMIT chairs took turnsto read their approval statements to endorse the contents of the ‘Third COMMIT Joint Declaration’.
After two days, the 10th Senior Officials Meeting successfully concluded on 29 April 2015 with remarkable results as follows:

- Sharing of information on efforts and achievements made as well as challenges and recommendations in combating trafficking in persons under the COMMIT process;
- Endorsement from COMMIT Chairs as well as senior officials from the six countries of the “Fourth Sub-regional Plan of Action (SPA-IV)” and “Third COMMIT Joint Declaration”; and
- Engagement of youth, private sectors, national, international and regional organizations in combating trafficking in persons as well as supporting the implementation of COMMIT SPA-IV activities in the future.

The above results were reiterated by H.E. Chou Bun Eng, Secretary of State, Ministry of Interior and Vice-Chair of NCCT in her remarks summarizing the results of SOM10.

In the SOM10 closing remarks, H.E. San Arun, Secretary of State and Chair of COMMIT Cambodia, thanked all the participants for their active participation during the meeting sessions of SOM10. H.E. San Arun emphasised that unity and innovation were indispensable and were our responsibilities to help tackle the issues arising from the human trafficking crimes. H.E. San Arun highly appreciated the remarkable results of the meeting and thanked the Royal Government of Cambodia, development partners, international organisations, non-governmental organisations, civil society organisations, and private sectors for both technical and financial support to smoothly bring about notable expected results and success from the meeting.
After the COMMIT SOM10 concluded, the Royal Government of Cambodia held Gala Dinner for all distinguished guests to commemorate the 10th Year Anniversary of the COMMIT Process. The event was presided over by H.E. Sar Kheng, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior and Chair of NCCT, representative of Samdech Akka Moha Senapadei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

H.E. Sar Kheng, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior and Chair of NCCT celebrated the 10th Year Anniversary of the COMMIT Process with representatives from all COMMIT countries

APSARA Dance during Gala Dinner celebrating the 10th Year Anniversary of the COMMIT Process
Fourth Inter-Ministerial Meeting (IMM4)

The fourth COMMIT Inter-Ministerial Meeting (IMM4) was held under the theme “COMMIT Process: Regional Commitment to combat Human Trafficking through Unity and Innovation” on 30 April 2015 at Sokha Phnom Penh Hotel & Residence. The meeting was presided over by H.E. Sar Kheng, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior and Chair of NCCT, representative of Samdech Akka Moha Senapadei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia. Attending the meeting were about 500 national and international guests who were Ministers, Vice-Ministers, Secretaries of State, Ambassadors, officials and senior officials from the Greater Mekong Sub-region countries, representatives from Malaysia, ASEAN Secretariat, international organizations, United Nations agencies, donor countries, civil society organizations, private sector, youth, media, and relevant anti-trafficking stakeholders in the region.
After a courtesy call for Ministers, Heads of COMMIT Taskforces and UN-ACT Regional Manager with H.E. Sar Kheng – Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior and Chair of NCCT, representative of Samdech Akka Moha Senapadei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia – concluded, H.E. Dr. Ing Kantha Phavi, Minister of Women’s Affairs and Vice Chair of NCCT delivered a welcome remarks welcoming all meeting participants and sharing important information on background of the COMMIT Process. The COMMIT Process was initiated after the six countries (Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam) signed multilateral inter-ministerial Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in October 2004 (COMMIT MoU). After signing the COMMIT MoU, the six countries had made efforts to combat human trafficking and had made several achievements during the last 10 years. H.E. Minister also reported briefly on the results of SOM10 which was concluded successfully on the 29 April 2015.

Representative from donor country, H.E. Mrs. Anna Maj Hultgar, Swedish Ambassador in Cambodia, gave a special remarks thanking the Royal Government of Cambodia for the organization of the meeting. H.E. Ambassador informed the meeting that Sweden and Norway had been supporting the COMMIT Process since 2004. H.E. Ambassador highly appreciated and congratulated on the achievements the COMMIT Process has made in combating human trafficking in the Greater Mekong Sub-region. However, more works remain to be done by the COMMIT Process in the fight against human trafficking. For Sweden, civil society organizations play a crucial role in joining the fight against human trafficking. H.E. Ambassador also mentioned that one of the fundamental approaches of Swedish develop-
Cooperation as well as UNDP was the human rights-based approach. The approach is based on core principles: participation, non-discrimination, transparency and accountability.

Cambodian youth representative, representing youth from the six countries, shared with the meeting results of the Regional COMMIT Youth Forum focusing on the roles of youth in sharing important information on safe migration and joining the fight against human trafficking by reporting to local authorities in their communities about suspected cases of human traffickers. They also emphasized that youth could contribute to ending human trafficking and should continue collaboration with their respective governments on this effort. Youth from each country also displayed their exhibitions for the meeting. The exhibitions were made by their own group embedding meaning related to the fight against human trafficking.
In the opening speech for the fourth COMMIT Inter-Ministerial Meeting, H.E. Sar Kheng Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior and Chair of NCCT, representative of Samdech Akka Moha Senapadei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia – expressed pleasure to preside over the meeting under the theme: “COMMIT Process: Regional Commitment to combat Human Trafficking through Unity and Innovation”. Report on results of the 10th Senior Officials Meeting presented by H.E. Minister of Women’s Affairs and Vice Chair of NCCT showed progress and achievements made resulting from efforts of Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen who were Ministers, Vice Ministers, Secretary Generals, and delegates including youth representatives from the GMS countries. H.E. Sar Kheng highly appreciated the remarkable results achieved during the SOM10.

H.E. the Deputy Prime Minister added that the meeting was imperative in sharing information, concepts and strategic directions to ensure safety of people in the region who were searching for employments both inside and outside their countries of origin. These people needed protection from all relevant countries. All governments were obligated to ensure safety of their people. As human trafficking was a complicated transnational organized crime, the issue could not be successfully tackled merely by a single institution or country without good collaboration among entities, ministries, institutions from all relevant countries with willingness, responsibility and strong commitments.
After the IMM4 opening speech delivered by H.E. Sar Kheng – Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior and Chair of NCCT, representative of Samdech Akka Moha Senapadei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, ministers and representatives from the six countries took turns to report to the meeting on achievements made and future directions of the COMMIT taskforces in their respective countries. The six ministers and representatives informed the meeting about results, challenges, and their countries’ future visions and implementation of efforts and cooperation under the COMMIT Process in the fight against trafficking in persons.

After completing the speeches, Ministers and representatives from the six member countries of the COMMIT Process signed the ‘Third COMMIT Joint Declaration’ to reaffirm their political will and commitments so as to continue collaboration as stated in the 2004 COMMIT MoU in combating human trafficking in the Greater Mekong Sub-region and beyond.

H.E. Dr. Ing Kantha Phavi, Minister of Women’s Affairs and Vice Chair of NCCT delivered a speech to close the formal proceeding of the fourth COMMIT Inter-Ministerial Meeting by conveying – on behalf of Cambodian COMMIT Taskforce and on behalf of National Committee on Counter Trafficking of the Royal Government of Cambodia – deep thanks to Excellencies, Ministers, Vice-Ministers, Secretary Generals, officials who were Heads of COMMIT Taskforces and delegates from the five GMS countries for their active participation in the meetings during the last three days given their busy schedules in their home countries.

The last three days reflected upon great effort from the six countries in collaboration as good partners to achieve objectives in the fights
against human trafficking in the GMS through the COMMIT Process and the Sub-regional Plans of Action. Based on reflection and experience from the last 10 years, the meetings had proven the need to continue and strengthen regional cooperation focusing on unity and innovation in their works to increase effectiveness in response to human trafficking, a complex transnational crime. The meeting shared good practices among COMMIT countries and other regional organization including ASEAN from which fundamental strategies could be built upon to increase effectiveness in preventing and combating human trafficking in the region and beyond.

In the name of the National Committee on Counter Trafficking of the Royal Government of Cambodia, H.E. the Minister congratulated and greatly appreciated the results achieved during the meetings. The Minister firmly believed that the results achieved from the three-day meetings would serve as a vital foundation for a new step forwards in a more effective fight against human trafficking in each country and the whole region.

At the end of the meeting, a press conference was held with a large presence of national and international media representatives and journalists as well as presence of all COMMIT Taskforces representatives. The conference provided a platform for questions and answers between journalists and the six COMMIT Taskforces representatives on matters related to trafficking in persons.

H.E. Sotheavy Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice of Cambodia, clarified and answered questions from journalists during press conference at the end of the meeting.
Results of the meeting

The fourth COMMIT Inter – Ministerial Meeting was successfully concluded on 30 April 2015 with remarkable results as follows:

- **Sharing of information on achievements, challenges, and visions of the six COMMIT countries** on their efforts as well as cooperation in combating trafficking in persons in the future; and

- **Signing of the “Third COMMIT Joint Declaration”** by the six countries to reaffirm willingness and commitments in combating trafficking in persons.

*H.E. Dr. Ing Kantha Phavi, Minister of Women’s Affairs and Vice Chair of NCCT showed participants “Third Joint COMMIT Declaration’ signed by all COMMIT governments*

*Minister and representatives from the six countries applauded the results of the 4th Inter-Ministerial Meeting*
Conclusion
SOM10 and IMM4 are historical events in the COMMIT Process, for Cambodia’s COMMIT Taskforce and Cambodian government as well as for all the COMMIT Taskforces from the GMS countries that are members of the COMMIT Process, on efforts to combat trafficking in persons. These meetings have brought about the following achievements:

1. Formal agreement on the fourth COMMIT Sub-regional Plan of Action against trafficking in persons (SPA IV);
2. Engagement of a range of stakeholders in the fight against trafficking in persons, together with the COMMIT Governments;
3. Sharing of experiences, good practices and lessons learned, challenges and recommendations, as well as the visions of the COMMIT Process in cooperation against trafficking in persons;
4. Engaging participation of youth and private sectors in the fight against trafficking in persons;
5. Direct engagement between the governments and the national, regional and international organizations in combatting trafficking in persons;
6. Developing the political will and promoting the implementation of SPA IV;
7. Signing on the Third COMMIT Joint Declaration to reaffirm dedication and commitment in combatting trafficking in persons;
8. Providing opportunity for the enhancement of cooperation of multilateral channels in combatting trafficking in persons; and
9. Sharing of special publication of the 10th Year Anniversary of the COMMIT Process reflecting experiences and commitment of the six GMS countries within the past 10 years.

The meetings also revealed a number of key challenges below:

1. Human trafficking is a complex phenomenon which cannot be successfully eliminated by a single institution or a country without good cooperation between relevant institutions, ministries and countries with strong political will to end the problem;
2. Even as the fight against human trafficking has developed, trafficking patterns continue to evolve, in the region and globally, and new approaches are needed in response;
3. COMMIT countries resources budget and technical capacity in fighting human trafficking is still limited;
4. Donor funding for counter trafficking at the regional level seems to be declining;
5. Bilateral and multilateral cooperation among COMMIT countries and other countries still need significant developments in the following areas:
   - Identification of victims of trafficking;
   - Arrest and prosecution perpetrators;
   - Information and evidence sharing in cross-border investigations and cases; and
   - Providing assistance to victims that meets international standards;
6. There has been no common criteria on identification of victim of human trafficking clearly set for the six COMMIT countries;
7. Limited support of youth participation in activities at community level to prevent and combat human trafficking;
8. Dissemination of COMMIT activities on social media is still limited;
9. Youth and civil society participation in the COMMIT process are not sufficient;
10. Engagement of the private sector to prevent and combat human trafficking is still low;
11. Weak monitoring and evaluation systems in efforts to combat human trafficking remain a barrier to determining and developing more effective responses; and
12. Provision of services to victims of human trafficking is still inadequate, especially when it comes to male victims.

The meetings presented a number of recommendation so as to continue contributing to maintaining regional stability, social safety and security, and to more effectively combat trafficking in persons at both national and regional levels. However, all the recommendations fall under the goals, outcomes, outputs and activities under the endorsed SPA IV. It is also worth noticing that throughout the SOM10 and IMM4, participants consistently raised the need for the goals and outcomes of the COMMIT SPA IV to be achieved through a focus on the implementation of all aspects of the Plan.
Appendix
COMMIT Senior Officials Meeting 10 (SOM10)  
and  
Inter-Ministerial Meeting 4 (IMM4)  
28-30 April 2014, Phnom Penh, Cambodia  

Concept note Theme:  
The COMMIT Process: A Regional Commitment to End Human Trafficking through Unity and Innovation  

Background  
The Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Human Trafficking (COMMIT) is a Government-led process incorporating the six countries in the Greater Mekong Sub-region (Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam) in a formal alliance to combat human trafficking. The COMMIT Process was initiated in 2004 to create a sustained and effective system of cross-border cooperation and collaboration to combat human trafficking. Anti-trafficking activities implemented in support of COMMIT are designed and implemented through innovative partnerships between numerous GMS government ministries and development partners. This combines a consultative and collaborative approach that involves civil society, victim support agencies, international organisations, and trafficked persons, including children and youth.  

The objectives of the COMMIT Process are:  

• To promote and strengthen systems and arrangements of inter-country and regional cooperation against human trafficking;  
• To establish a holistic regional response, covering all aspects of the trafficking problem and ensuring that concern for victims is at the centre of all interventions;  
• To identify and adapt successful models in one country to others as appropriate; and  
• To enhance national capacities to address human trafficking in order to facilitate each country’s engagement at the regional level, building on existing strengths in each country.
The COMMIT MoU, originally signed in October 2004, is operationalized by a series of consecutive Sub-regional Plans of Action (SPAs). SPA IV (2015-2018) will be formally agreed and launched at the SOM10/IMM4 on 30 April 2015.

COMMIT SOMs take place on an annual basis and the IMMs take place approximately every third year.

2015 sees the 10th SOM alongside the 4th IMM, both to be held in Cambodia. As during previous such meetings, SOM10/IMM4 will focus on a review of implementation of efforts made under the COMMIT Process over the past year and on establishing goals for the future.

Aim
To strengthen anti-trafficking efforts in the Greater Mekong Sub-region through the COMMIT Process.

Objectives
• To successfully hold the SOM10 and IMM4, demonstrating political will to combat human trafficking at the policy level;
• To review progress and share good practices in Anti-Trafficking in the Greater Mekong Sub-region;
• To demonstrate innovation in fighting against human trafficking;
• To formally agree to the implementation of the SPA IV, for 2015-18;
• To encourage greater collaboration between COMMIT governments and other anti-trafficking stakeholders;
• To engage countries beyond GMS; and
• To show continued commitment through the endorsement of a new joint declaration for fighting against human trafficking.

Schedule
The meetings will be organized on 28-30 April 2015 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Attached is the tentative agenda.

Organizer
The COMMIT Taskforce of Cambodia, coordinated by the Ministry of Women’s Affairs.
Participants

SOM participants will include a delegation of 3 officials from each of the 6 COMMIT governments, with support from the UN-ACT National Project Coordinators from each of the COMMIT countries and the Regional Management Office (based in Bangkok), which functions as the COMMIT Secretariat. Observers will include members of the international community, UN agencies and international organisations, civil society, donors, and other entities involved in the response to human trafficking. Altogether, it is expected that approximately 200 persons will attend the SOM10. In addition, approximately 500 participants will attend the opening session of the IMM4, which will be presided over by SamdechAkkaMohaSenaPadei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia.

The participants of the IMM4 will include the Ministers of the COMMIT governments’ focal ministries (Ministry of Women’s Affairs of Cambodia, Ministry Social Development and Human Security of Thailand and 4 Ministries of Public Security respectively from China, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam) as well as the participants of the SOM10.

Expected Outputs

• Documentation of good practices for dissemination and implementation;
• A meeting report demonstrating the engagement of COMMIT with other anti-trafficking stakeholders, including civil society and youth;
• Agreement of the COMMIT SPA IV;
• A Joint Declaration from the governments on their collective commitment to combat human trafficking.
28 April 2015

- All SOM delegates and observers arrive in Phnom Penh, Cambodia

28 April 2015 (Day I)
Tenth COMMIT Senior Officials Meeting

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*All Heads of COMMIT Taskforces and UN-ACT Regional Manager together will have a courtesy call with the Minister of Women’s Affairs in a VIP room* |                                                                         |
| 09:00-09:15  | Welcome Remarks                                                          | **H.E. San Arun**, Secretary of State and Chair of COMMIT Cambodia      |
| 09:15-09:30  | Special Remarks by UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub                           | **Ms. Caitlin Wiesen**, Chief, Regional Policy and Programme Support     |
| 09:30-10:00  | Opening Speech                                                           | **H.E. Dr. Ing KanthaPhavi**  
*Minister of Women’s Affairs and Vice Chair of NCCT* |                                                                         |
| 10:00-10:30  | Group Photo Session                                                     |                                                                         |
| 10:30-10:45  | Coffee Break                                                            |                                                                         |
## PART II: WORKING SESSIONS

### Session 1: Good Practices and Lessons Learned – Chaired by the Government of Cambodia

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<td>Key Achievements and Sharing of Good Practices of COMMIT</td>
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<td>Each country will deliver an 8-minute presentation highlighting key good practices/lessons learned of their national counter trafficking efforts over the last 10 years. Each country will also prepare a report (in Word document format, max. 10 pages) of their achievements during this period. This report will be included in the folder for distribution.</td>
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<td>ASEAN Regional Cooperation in Trafficking in Persons</td>
<td>Ms. Khine Myat Chit, Senior Officerin the Security Cooperation Division at the ASEAN Secretariat</td>
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<td>A representative from the ASEAN Secretariat will present the above topic which will include the update on the ASEAN Convention on TIP</td>
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<td>Presentation on TIP Situation in Malaysia and Responses</td>
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<td>Deputy Undersecretary, Ministry of Home Affairs of Malaysia</td>
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<td>IOM/LSHTM Study: Health and Human Trafficking in the Greater Mekong Sub-region</td>
<td>Mr. Brett Dickson, Program Manager, IOM Cambodia</td>
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<td>Private Sector Involvement in Counter Trafficking Efforts (National)</td>
<td><em>A representative of approximately 50 private recruitment agencies in Cambodia will present their engagement in counter trafficking efforts.</em></td>
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<td>Association of Cambodian Recruitment Agencies</td>
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<td>Private Sector Involvement in Counter Trafficking (International)</td>
<td><em>A representative of Microsoft will present the role that technology plays in combatting Human Trafficking with a view to shift the advantage away from the predators into the hands of law enforcement as well as to engage citizens in the efforts to fight slavery.</em></td>
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|              |                                                                         | Mr. Stefan Sjöström  
Vice President - Public Sector, Asia Microsoft Operations Pte. Ltd  
Microsoft                                                                                      |
| 16:05-16:25  | Media Involvement in Counter Trafficking Efforts “No One Should Work this Way” | *A media representative will present their experiences of covering human trafficking in this region including a joint media project supported by ILO, that exposed abuses suffered by migrant domestic workers. Discussion on how the anti-trafficking community can work with the media more effectively.* |
|              |                                                                         | Ms. Karen Emmons,  
Independent Journalist                                                                                                                                |
| 16:25-17:00  | Questions & Answers                                                     |                                                                                                                                                  |
| 18:30-20:30  | Joint Welcome Reception with ICAPP                                      |                                                                                                                                                  |

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## Tenth COMMIT Senior Officials Meeting

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<td>Recap of Day I</td>
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<td>Special Remarks by Donor Representative</td>
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<td>Presentation on Youth Involvement by COMMIT Youth Forum</td>
<td>Youth representatives</td>
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<td>12 youth representatives will present their concerns, voices and suggestions based on the outcomes of their Regional COMMIT Youth Forum with the theme “Youth Supporting their Governments’ Human Trafficking Prevention Efforts in their Communities”.</td>
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<td>Finalization of COMMIT SPA IV (2015-2018)</td>
<td>H.E. San Arun, Secretary of State and Chair of COMMIT Cambodia</td>
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<td>The Chair will ask the host country to present key points of SPA IV</td>
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<td>Civil Society Organizations support to the Implementation of SPA IV</td>
<td>World Vision/Save the Children</td>
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<td>World Vision/Save the Children will present ideas for cooperation between CSOs and the governments for the implementation of the SPA IV</td>
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<td>Finalization of the 3rd Joint COMMIT Declaration</td>
<td><strong>H.E. San Arun</strong>, Secretary of State and Chair of COMMIT Cambodia</td>
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<td><em>The Government of Cambodia will present the final Declaration</em></td>
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<td>Summary of SOM Outcomes &amp; Discussions</td>
<td><strong>H.E. Chou Bun Eng</strong>, Secretary of State, Permanent Vice Chair of NCCT</td>
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<td>Gala Dinner and Celebration of 10 Years of COMMIT, hosted by the Royal Government of Cambodia and presided over by H.E. SarKheng, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior and Chair of the National Committee on Counter Trafficking in Persons (NCCT)</td>
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### 30 April 2015, Day III

**Fourth COMMIT Inter-Ministerial Meeting (IMM4)**

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<td>Courtesy call for Ministers, Heads of COMMIT Taskforces and UN-ACT Regional Manager with <strong>H.E. SarKheng</strong>, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior and Chair of National Committee on Counter Trafficking in Persons (NCCT)</td>
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<td><em>All Ministers, COMMIT Taskforces and UN-ACT Regional Manager together will have a courtesy call with the Deputy Prime Minister in a VIP room</em></td>
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<td>Welcome Remarks and Report on Achievements of COMMIT and Outcomes of SOM10</td>
<td><strong>H.E. Dr. Ing KanthaPhavi</strong>, Minister of Women’s Affairs and Vice Chair of NCCT</td>
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<td>Special Remarks by Donor Representative</td>
<td><strong>H.E. Mrs. Anna Maj Hultgård</strong>, Swedish Ambassador to Cambodia</td>
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<td>Presentation on Outcomes of COMMIT Youth Forum</td>
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<td>Opening Speech</td>
<td><strong>H.E. SarKheng</strong>, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior and Chair of National Committee on Counter Trafficking in Persons (NCCT)</td>
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<td>Group Photo Session</td>
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<td>Statements on Achievements and Future of the COMMIT Process</td>
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<td>Each Minister will deliver an 8-minute speech outlining the key achievements of their national counter trafficking efforts over the last ten years highlighting aspects related to unity and innovation in their work.</td>
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<td>Signing of the 3rd COMMIT Joint Declaration</td>
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<td><em>The six Ministers will sign the 3rd COMMIT Joint Declaration, which will have already been agreed by the six countries.</em></td>
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1 May 2015 – Departure of the Delegates
Opening Speech By
Her Excellency Dr. Ing Kantha Phavi
Minister of Women’s Affairs and Vice-Chair of the National Committee on Counter Trafficking in Persons

At the 10th COMMIT Senior Officials Meeting

On Tuesday 28th April 2015, Phnom Penh

Dear Excellencies, Distinguished delegates from the COMMIT process
Distinguished International and National Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia, I would like to convey a warm welcome to all of you to the Tenth COMMIT Senior Officials Meeting and to the Fourth Inter Ministerial Meeting. The Kingdom of Cambodia is honoured to host these two high-level events as well as the celebration of the 10 years of the COMMIT process in order to continue promoting peace, stability and human security in the Mekong sub region.

As all of you know, the Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Trafficking in Persons has served as a unique sub-regional mechanism for cooperation in counter-trafficking between the governments of the People’s Republic of China, the Kingdom of Thailand, the Social Republic of Vietnam and the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Our six countries have definitely intensified and improved efforts against human trafficking after the ground breaking MOU signed in 2004 to foster regional cooperation against this crime.

The COMMIT Process has taken a multidisciplinary approach focused on the protection and empowerment of victims of trafficking through the four ‘Ps’ of policy, prevention, protection of victims and prosecution of traffickers. Our cross-border cooperation in anti-
trafficking through bilateral agreements and cross-border interventions have facilitated the safe return and repatriation of victims as well as law enforcement cooperation in sharing information and pursuing traffickers. We have also successfully collaborated with civil society organizations particularly in the identification and protection of victims.

The Royal Government of Cambodia is especially honoured of hosting the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the COMMIT Process. We expect that this anniversary becomes a strategic opportunity for all of our governments to reaffirm our strong commitment against human trafficking, evaluate and learn from the lessons of our cooperation so far and look beyond 2015 considering the new emerging challenges to address this modern slavery.

**Excellencies, Honorable Guests,**

Trafficking in persons constitutes one of the most serious forms of human rights violations and is a very sad source of human insecurity and suffering in the world. All cases of human trafficking contain elements of exploitation, depriving women, men and children of their fundamental rights.

In addition to violating human rights and human security, human trafficking poses a wider range of threats to humanity including the right to life and health, the right to freedom and personal security, the right to freedom of movement, and fundamentally the right to not to be sold, traded or promoted as a commodity whether in a brothel, on a fishing boat or through an arranged marriage. We all have the right to a life free from violence including gender-based violence.

The International Labour Organization estimates that 20.9 million people are victims of forced labour or sexual exploitation globally with 55 percent of them, 11.4 million, being female and with 26 percent of them, 5.5 million, being children.

The Asia-Pacific region records by far the highest rates of human trafficking in the world. The Global Estimate of Forced Labour report, published by the International Labour Organization in 2012, estimates that 11.7 million people from the region are in conditions of forced labour or sexual exploitation at any given point in time, a prevalence which according to the statistics, is three times greater than in Africa, the world’s second most affected region. Within the Asia-Pacific region, the Greater-Mekong Sub-region (Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam) features some of the most extensive flows of migration and human trafficking, due to historical, social and economic dynamics in the region.
Women, men, boys and girls, and especially those living in poverty or with higher vulnerabilities, can potentially become victims of trafficking and exploitation but are affected in different ways and experience very different forms of abuse and exploitation. In general, in the Southeast Asian region, women and girls are trafficked for sexual exploitation and domestic work, while men and boys are trafficked into fishing boats, factories and other forms of forced labour.

A lack of awareness on gender-specific vulnerabilities has resulted in gaps in the capacity and in prevention, protection and response initiatives. Hence, despite the recent prevalence of labour trafficking, anti-trafficking efforts for fighting sexual exploitation of women and girls still remain a serious concern in our region.

In Cambodia, the Royal Government of Cambodia has openly acknowledged that human trafficking remains a serious problem. We are addressing this crime intensively through the development and implementation of comprehensive policies and laws. Further information on the Cambodia’s developments for counter-trafficking will be provided by me through the ministerial statement to be delivered in two days.

**Excellencies, Distinguished Guests,**

I firmly believe that all partners from governments, parliaments, civil society, NGOs, private sector and media can play a critical role to improve counter-trafficking in Asia. For example, while civil society organizations are essential for providing assistance to victims, at the end of the day the law and policy makers have the duty to ensure that labour conditions of migrant workers respect human rights in accordance with international conventions and standards.

In fact, regulatory frameworks as well as information and services for protection of migrant workers are essential for preventing labour exploitation of migrants in countries of destination.

As we know that human trafficking is a global phenomenon in which citizens from poorer regions and countries are exploited in destinations where there is demand for cheap and vulnerable labour, we need to intensify efforts for poverty reduction in countries and areas where victims of trafficking come from. Hence, it is critical to promote re-distribution of wealth and increase economic investments and opportunities for the most disadvantaged women and men and those who are especially vulnerable to human trafficking.

In addition, we need to ensure a no-harm and gender-responsive approach in which the
human rights and welfare of female and male victims of trafficking are at the center of our interventions. Only through recognizing gender particularities and the specific methodologies to address victims of human trafficking depending on their sex, age, disability status and other conditions, we can ensure that all victims get an adequate response.

Effective prosecution of traffickers is definitely one of the most successful strategies to prevent human trafficking. In this regard, cooperation with the media must be enhanced to make public use of high-profile cases in which police and the Courts provide an outstanding response in order to dissuade other criminals.

All of our international and regional mechanisms and initiatives for counter trafficking must be harmonized not just in name but in terms of active participation and commitment. As a community which is affected by this transnational crime as well as unsafe migration, we need to continue strengthening our response through regional and bilateral agreements between our countries. In particular, we need to implement standard operating procedures which facilitate prosecution of trafficking criminals as well as protection of victims. Further collaboration with key international integration mechanisms, institutions and forums, such as ASEAN, the OECD and the G-20 is required and our collective performance should be closely followed-up and reported upon.

With ASEAN expected to adopt an ASEAN convention on Trafficking in Persons later this year including an accompanying regional Plan of Action, there is a strong momentum for more coordinated counter trafficking interventions in the region and ensuring strong cooperation and coordination at different levels between COMMIT and ASEAN.

And lastly, I would like to wish all of you a successful meeting and pleasant stay in Cambodia. We are all looking forward to the outcomes of the important high-level meetings which will take place over the next three days.

Thank you very much!
Closing Remarks by
H.E. San Arun,
Secretary of State, Ministry of Woman Affairs and
Chair of Cambodia COMMIT Taskforce
at the Closing of SOM 10
Phnom Penh 29th April 2015

- Excellency, ladies and gentlemen the chairs, vice chairs and representatives of COMMIT taskforces in the six countries;
- Ms. Annette Lyth, UN-ACT Regional Manager;
- Excellency, ladies and gentlemen, distinguished national and international guests!

On behalf of the Ministry of Women’s Affairs (MoWA) of the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) and myself as Chair of Cambodia COMMIT Taskforce, it is my great pleasure to sharer emarks for the closing of SOM 10 under the theme “COMMITProcess: Regional commitments to end trafficking in persons through unity and innovation.” My gratitude and appreciation are also expressed to all of you for having made great effort to participate actively in the last 1.5 days that have resulted in fruitful outcomes.

The nearly two days meeting was proudly participated by senior officials in their capacity as chair, vice chair and members of COMMIT taskforces from the six GSM countries, and representatives from Malaysia, the Anti-trafficking unit of ASEAN, Embassies and aid agencies, UN agencies, and the international private sector represented by Microsoft Corporation, national private sectors, national and international civil society organizations, and youth from the six countries - 270 members in total.

The meeting heard reports on key achievements and challenges from the last 10 years and shared experiences among the six countries as well as by Malaysia and the ASEAN secretariat in addition to the national and international private sectors and media organizations that have been participating in anti-trafficking. More importantly, the last one and a half day-meeting has agreed on and adopted COMMIT SPA4 for implementation between 2015 and 2018. The key elements in SPA 4 are: Section 1–Policy and cooperation; Section 2–Prevention;
Section 3–Protection; Section 4–Prosecution; and Section 5–Monitoring and Evaluation. We had also made a final review of the third joint declaration of COMMIT that the ministers and government representatives of the six countries will sign during the 4th inter-ministerial meeting of the COMMIT process tomorrow morning.

Excellency, ladies and gentlemen! Distinguished national and International Guests!

After concluding SOM 10 the next step is for us to review our progress, challenges and the things that had not been done as identified in the general discussion to ensure their continued and effective implementation. This is the duty and responsibility of all of us. Through our unity and innovation we can address human right issues arising out of the crime of trafficking in persons, because we cannot leave our people to continue to face these issues. We have to bear in mind also that each victim of trafficking has the right to receive protection from us, from their government, both in their country and overseas, and the perpetrators have to be brought for prosecution – our aspiration is to end trafficking in person in GMS and beyond, and globally.

On behalf of the MoWA of the RGC and chair of Cambodia COMMIT Taskforce, I would like to warmly applaud and appreciate the fruitful results of the meeting. We strongly hope and believe that the outstanding results achieved in SOM10 will be reported in the 4th inter-ministerial meeting tomorrow morning and will form the key basis for policy initiative and actions to combat trafficking in persons, particularly the continued close cooperation between the six GMS countries.

I would like to extend my profound gratitude to the Royal Government of Cambodia, development partners, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, civil society and the private sector for their support, both financial and technical, and their provision of accommodation for the taskforces, making the SOM10 meeting proceed smoothly and achieve the results expected. This would not have been possible without financial support from various partners such as Norway, Sweden, UN-ACT, AusAID through AAPTIP, USAID through Winrock, ILO, World Vision, Ratanak International, AFESIP, Terre Des Homes, ChildFund, Cambodia ACTs and IOM.

In conclusion I would like to express my best wishes to all of you and would like to declare the closing of the meeting now.

Thank You!
Opening Speech by
H.E. Sar Kheng
Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior, and
Chairman of the National Committee for Counter Trafficking (NCCT)
at the Opening of the 4th Inter-Ministerial Meeting of the COMMIT Process

Phnom Penh Sokha Hotel and Residence
Phnom Penh, 30th April 2015

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- Excellency Deputy Prime Minister, Ministers, Members of the National Assembly, Senate and of the Royal Government of Cambodia;
- Excellency representatives from the six GMS countries;
- Ms. Annette Lyth, UN-ACT Regional Project Manager;
- Excellency, ladies and gentlemen representatives from government ministries and agencies, NGOs and national and international distinguished guests;
- Participants to the meeting,

On behalf of SamdechAkkaMohaSenaPadei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia and myself as Chair of the National Committee for Counter Trafficking (NCCT), it is my great pleasure that Cambodia hosted the tenth COMMIT Senior Officials Meeting and the fourth COMMIT Inter-Ministerial Meeting under the theme “Regional Commitment to End Human Trafficking through Unity and Innovation” in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

I would like to warmly welcome all delegates and participants and I would also like to congratulate the COMMIT Process with the celebration of its 10-years anniversary. The COMMIT Process has shown significant progress and achievements at both regional and national level, through initiatives led by the COMMIT Taskforces of the six member countries.

The report of COMMIT SOM10 held during the last two days, as presented by H.E. Ing KunthaPhavi, Minister of Women’s Affairs and NCCT Deputy Chair, reflects the process and achievements that have been made. I highly appreciate your physical, intellectual and spiritual
efforts that have brought such a proud success for the SOM10. My particular thanks and appreciation are extended to Ms. Annette Lyth, UN-ACT Regional Project Manager, for the collaboration secured with Cambodia. I am grateful for all efforts made by the Cambodia COMMIT Taskforce and the Secretariat General of NCCT, and for the leadership of officials at all levels of the Ministry of Women’s Affairs and the relevant ministries, agencies and authorities, national and international partners, and civil society organizations, for their efforts to make this meeting so successful.

SOM 10 has played an important role for the sharing of information, concepts and strategic direction to ensure the safety of people in the region who are in great need of employment to improve their livelihoods, both in their home countries and overseas, and whose protection is required by all relevant countries. We have reiterated our renewed political will and commitment, as the six governments of the GMS countries. We all acknowledge that trafficking in persons constitutes modern-day slavery in the 21st century, violates the most basic of human rights and causes great suffering to victims and their families. Furthermore, human trafficking creates a heavy burden for all affected societies and their respective governments. We recognize that strong and sustained collaborative efforts are required to address this grave problem.

The ILO estimates that approximately 20.9 million people worldwide are victims of forced labour and almost 20 percent of these victims are children. Over half of all victims of trafficking worldwide live in Asia-Pacific, and the GMS is a region where there are especially high numbers of victims in situations of serious exploitation, forced labour and sexual abuse. These abuses occur among migrants, including labour migrants (or persons who enter risky marriages) without proper contracts or legal assurances. Many of these migrants suffer cruel treatment under severe conditions of forced labour in sectors such as fishing industries, hazardous chemical industries, dangerous construction, or in sexual services, without health or life insurance, or decent pay in accordance with the scope of their work and the level of hazard they face.

Excellency, youth representatives, ladies and gentlemen,

On this very precious occasion I would like to reiterate the Royal Government of
Cambodia’s firm commitment to fight trafficking in persons. The Government signed and ratified the convention to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women in 1992. This is a convention that is highly relevant to combating trafficking and violence against women. Cambodia also passed its first law on suppression of kidnapping and trafficking and exploitation in persons in 1996, and its amendment to become the law on suppression of trafficking in persons and sexual exploitation adopted in 2008 and remains in force. At the same time, the Royal Government of Cambodia along with the other five GMS governments have participated in inter-ministerial meetings in the framework of COMMIT since the launch of the process in 2004. The Royal Government of Cambodia also established the Cambodia COMMIT Taskforce in 2005, and has participated in Senior Officials Meetings on trans-boundary crimes (SOMTC).

In addition, the Royal Government of Cambodia has organized and restructured its national mechanism responsible for combating trafficking in persons. We now have a National Committee for Counter Trafficking (NCCT) with members from 22 ministries and agencies, chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior. The NCCT works at both the national and sub-national level, including at the commune level, and is open to participation from national and international non-governmental organizations to actively implement its four strategies in the areas of prevention; victim protection; law enforcement including suppression and prosecution; and strengthening cooperation with both national and international stakeholders through ‘International Cooperation Working Group’, implemented by COMMIT Taskforce and SOMTC. The NCCT’s first national plan to combat trafficking in persons for 2011-2013, and the second plan for 2014-2018, focus on the participation and victim protection, including men, women, youth and children from vulnerable communities. Partners in implementing the plan include UN agencies, national and international NGOs, and the private sector.

Over the last 10 years, the COMMIT Process has developed strong experience and leadership skills in coordinating and developing new initiatives for effective implementation in collaboration with domestic and international partners, the media, academia and other actors and stakeholders. We have tried to increase our cooperation among many countries, including countries of origin and destination countries, on matters related to laws, policies, labour rights and victim protection, as well as prosecution. This has been done by identifying new ideas and appropriate strategies to engage all relevant stakeholders, and in particular the private sector.
- including ACRA, Microsoft and Sokha Hotel and Residence who have actively engaged with us on this issue.

Human trafficking, abuses and exploitation cannot be eliminated without our joint commitments. The key is that countries of origin and destination should agree that workers should have legal status with decent working conditions that respect basic rights of workers. Deceitful recruitment must be punished by prosecution and should be eliminated. Authorities and competent agencies have to take actions to suppress brokers in a timely manner, and employers who exploit workers should be prosecuted in criminal courts. Employers and workers should share common understanding of working conditions without exploitation and human rights abuse.

As the governments of the GMS countries, we all share the responsibility to deal with the issue of human trafficking in our region. However we face many challenges in this task because trafficking in persons is a transnational organized crime that can occur throughout different business sectors. Thus, no single institution or country can successfully address this issue on their own, without the willingness, responsibility and strong commitment of relevant organizations, agencies, and government ministries. Without this, crimes will continue to occur.

In addition to the existing close collaboration among the six GMS countries through the COMMIT Process, we need to broaden the scope of our collaboration to include other regional forums such as ASEAN and the Bali process. In view of ASEAN’s intentions to adopt a convention to combat trafficking in persons by the end of 2015, along with a regional plan of action, this meeting provides a valuable opportunity for us to unite in our efforts to improve coordination and actions to combat human trafficking in the region. I would like to express my profound thanks to the ASEAN representative and particularly the representative from Malaysia who attended SOM10, for sharing information related to their response to trafficking in persons.

Again I would like to support, encourage and motivate UN-ACT and other relevant national and international organizations in the region and around the globe to continue their efforts to take this duty forward to help address the issue of vulnerability to trafficking in persons and to deliver plans for new achievements of sustainable social and economic development.
and security in the GMS.

Before closing my remarks, I would like to take this opportunity to contribute the following recommendations:

1. To ensure smooth and effective joint implementation of activities, all member countries should gain equal understanding of the definition and forms of trafficking in persons as stipulated in the law and policy of each country;
2. Strengthen good collaboration among relevant countries in the region and beyond to suppress the crime of human trafficking, arrest and prosecute perpetrators, help victims in a timely manner and minimize impunity in order to promote social justice;
3. Provide quality services to victims including counseling and health care as well as legal services in response to particular needs according to gender and age of victims;
4. Develop or continue to strengthen the collection of data and M&E systems for trafficking in persons in order to develop indicators and measure changes in trafficking trends and patterns, and develop appropriate response measures;
5. Strengthen implementation of policy, memorandums and plans agreed to under bilateral and multilateral arrangements, to ensure delivery of concrete results in a responsible manner;
6. Continue regular monitoring of activities and effectiveness of implementation by sharing results at each annual SOM meeting. Where necessary, separate meetings should be held to discuss and share experiences and challenges as well as seek new strategies and solutions in response to the situation; and
7. Promote and facilitate more discussion, and develop new or review existing bilateral MOUs between relevant countries in a timely manner, in order to reduce vulnerability to human trafficking, by preventing unsafe migration that may lead to exploitation and trafficking.

I would like to delegate the duty to H.E. Dr. Ing Kantha Phavi, Minister of Women’s Affairs and Vice Chair of NCCT of the Kingdom of Cambodia, to continue to work with the COMMIT Taskforces of the different countries and to report on progress and achievements.
The draft COMMIT SPA IV and the 3rd COMMIT Joint Declaration to be adopted and signed today reaffirms the spirit of solidarity, unity and strong commitment by governments of the six countries to continue strengthening the COMMIT Process in order to combat trafficking in persons in the region. COMMIT is recognized as a model of collaboration that can be expanded for implementation in other ASEAN countries and other regions worldwide.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to the Governments of Sweden and Norway for their continued support to the COMMIT Process. My thanks also go to the governments of the six GMS countries, representatives from embassies, development partners, civil society and the private sector, for their regional efforts with a strong focus on collaboration to combat trafficking in persons, and in particular assistance provided to victims.

I would like to wish all of you a safe and pleasant stay in the Kingdom of Cambodia and look forward to fruitful results from this meeting and success in our future collaborative efforts to combat trafficking in persons. With this, I would now like to declare the opening of the 4th Inter-Ministerial Meeting of the COMMIT Process.

Thank you.
Remarks by
HE Dr. Ing Kantha Phavi,
Minister of Woman Affairs
at the Closing of COMMIT Inter-Ministerial Meeting 4

Phnom Penh 30th April 2015,
Sokha Phnom Penh Hotel and Residence

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- Excellency Vice Minister, Assistant Minister, and Excellency Permanent Secretary General and Chairs of other 5 GMS COMMIT Countries;
- Excellency members of the National Assembly, Senate Members and Royal Government of Cambodia;
- Excellency Ambassadors and diplomatic representatives to Cambodia;
- HE Claire Van der Vaeren, UN Coordinator to Cambodia and Ms. Annette Lyth, UN-ACT Regional Manager;
- Excellency COMMIT Chair and vice chairs and representatives of the 6 COMMIT Countries;
- Excellency, ladies and gentlemen, distinguished national and international representatives!

In the name of COMMIT Cambodia and the NCCT of the RGC with MoWA designated as deputy chair responsible for international cooperation I would like to express my profound thanks to the vice minister, assistant minister, permanent secretary general and excellency chair persons of COMMIT Taskforces and delegates from other 5 GMS Countries for participating in the last 3 day meeting regardless of your busy schedule in your own country. This proves strong commitment of the six governments in combating trafficking in persons in the GMS.

SOM 10 and the COMMIT ministerial meeting 4 had successfully concluded in a friendly, sharing, supporting and understanding environment between the 6 GMS countries and national and international partners, government, civil society, private sector and youth.

The three days meeting had seen effort made by the six countries in their current cooperation and partnership aimed at combating trafficking in persons in the GMS through COMMIT and defined SPAs.

SOM 10 had comprehensively discussed and adopted SPA 4 to combat trafficking in persons for 2015-2018 and a joint declaration of COMMIT 3 had been developed and adopted
in the ministerial meeting. SOM 10 has emphasized the need to continue and strengthen regional cooperation building on the last 10 year experiences in regards to unity and innovation in the work to improve performance responding to ever changing trans-boundary crimes. It also stresses on a holistic response, covering all aspects of the trafficking problem and risky migration and ensuring that concern for the victim is at the center of all interventions and priority is given to protecting the rights of the victims. The meeting agreed to share successful experiences of the COMMIT members with other forums such as ASEAN to provide for an improved strategic basis to prevent and combat trafficking in persons in the region and worldwide.

For future work, the meeting also acknowledges the need for innovation as illustrated in COMMIT SPA 4 to realize COMMIT potential to become a trans-boundary protection mechanism in the sub-region and also recognizes that such actions would promote COMMIT to become a good model to combat trafficking in persons. The meeting stronger urges the UN system, DPs, private sectors, the public and NGOs and civil society to collaborate with government and to commit and participate actively in COMMIT while respecting their respective autonomy.

Again on behalf of the NCCT of the Kingdom of Cambodia I would like to applaud and appreciate the fruitful results from the meeting and strongly believe that the outcomes from the three days meeting will become a firm foundation to move forward toward a new and more effective form of intervention in each country and in the region to combat trafficking in persons.

Trafficking in persons is a global issue against which joint effort and responsibility are needed from the part of national and international communities particularly through strengthening and enhancing cooperation between GMS and other regions such as ASEAN and to harmonize existing mechanisms to improve effectiveness in combating trafficking in persons.

I would like to reiterate my sincere thanks to you all from the government of the six countries and distinguished national and international guests for participating in the meeting. My thanks also go to GMS governments, UN-ACT and other development partners, embassies, national and international organizations, civil society, private sector and charities for their generous support for the two meetings to proceed smoothly and with fruitful results.

I strongly hope that the delegates would enjoy the view of city that would provide for your long lasting memory and may you all have a safe return to your home country afterward.

With this I would like to wish you all the four gems of Buddhist blessings and to declare the close the meeting.

Thank You.
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