Statement by the spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the 20th Anniversary of the Paris Peace Accords in 1991 which set in motion the peace process in Cambodia

The spokesperson of Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the Commission, issued the following statement today:

"The High Representative, Catherine Ashton, takes the opportunity of the anniversary of the 1991 Paris Peace Accords to congratulate the Cambodian people on the remarkable political and socio-economic progress over the last 20 years.

The EU remains committed to Cambodia's transformation and will continue to support all Cambodians who work towards lasting development and democracy in the country. The Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), in particular, has a vital role to play not only in ensuring accountability for victims of the Khmer Rouge, but also in developing Cambodia’s long-term legal capacity and promoting reconciliation.

Cambodia has come a long way since 1991 and the High Representative calls on the Government to ensure respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms and complete the transformation and peace process begun under the Paris Agreements."

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