

The Secretary-General

His Excellency Prime Minister Hun Sen Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia Cabinet of the Prime Minister, Council of Ministers PHNOM PENH Kingdom of Cambodia

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Excellency,

Allow me to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation to you and the Government of Cambodia for the exceptional hospitality received during my visit to Phnom Penh on the occasion of the UNWTO's Regional Commissions meetings and the other events organized last week including the UNWTO International Code for the Protection of Tourists and the Affiliate Members' Roundtable.

I was also pleased to meet with you in the Peace Palace to discuss strategic issues of common interest, such as the ongoing recovery of the tourism industry from the global pandemic and the importance of the International Code for the Protection of Tourists.

Cambodia's commitment and adherence to the International Code for the Protection of Tourists is highly commendable, and so is your country's willingness to spearhead the adoption of the Phnom Penh Declaration on the Code across the Asia and Pacific. Your country will certainly set an example in the region and beyond, and will significantly contribute to assisting tourists in emergency situations while advancing our collective efforts towards fostering consumers' confidence in the tourism sector.

Allow me to take this opportunity to reiterate my invitation to the 25th session of the UNWTO General Assembly in Samarkand, Uzbekistan from 16 to 20 October. I am confident that your participation will greatly benefit Cambodia's tourism development.

I truly look forward to seeing you in Samarkand and to our fruitful collaboration in the coming years.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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