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First Part of the Fifth United Nations Conference on the
Least Developed Countries
(LDC5 Conference)

New York, 17 March 2022

**Thank you, Mr. President,
Mr. Secretary-General,
Excellencies and Distinguished Delegates,**

1. At the outset, I wish to thank the President of the General Assembly and the High Representative of the UN-OHRLLS for convening Part One of the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC5 Conference) today, in accordance with the General Assembly Resolution A/76/L.39 of 23 February 2022.
2. I also wish to congratulate H.E. Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar, for being elected as the President of the LCD5 Conference.
3. Cambodia aligns itself with the statements of the Group77 and China, and the LDCs Group, delivered by Pakistan and Malawi, respectively, and I wish to make the following points in my national capacity:
4. Cambodia is pleased to support and welcome the adoption of the Doha Programme of Action (DPoA) 2022-2031- the renewed commitments by the international community for the next 10 years, in support of LDCs in their developmental efforts. This marks a significant momentum that serves as the milestone of attaining sustainable development in the LDCs.
5. The DPoA is very important to the enhancement of our efforts in the implementation of our SDGs and social and economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, including building resilience against future shocks, eradicating poverty and enabling smooth graduation from the LDC status.
6. Cambodia looks forward to the effective and meaningful implementation of this decade-long programme of action embracing the strong commitment and real-actions from our development partners and multilateral stakeholders, along with our national development policy to realize the goals of the six priority areas of development as contained in the DPoA.
7. **To conclude**, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Co-Facilitators, Ambassador Bob Rae, Permanent Representative of Canada and Ambassador Rabab Fatima, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh for steering the LDC5 Prep.Com and facilitating the draft DPoA successfully. My thanks also go to the friends of LDCs for their support in this process. We look forward to participating in the Part Two of the LDC5 Conference in Doha, next year.

Thank you