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The delegation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, led by H.E. Senior Minister Ieng Mouly, Chairman of the National AIDS Authority of Cambodia left Phnom Penh on the evening of June 23, 2024 to attend the 54<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (UNAIDS PCB) in Geneva, Switzerland, held from June 25 to 27, 2024.

The Kingdom of Cambodia has secured the seat of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board through the United Nations' Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) elections in New York on the April 5, 2023, representing the Asia-Pacific region for the 2023-2025 term. This is the third time the Cambodian delegation has attended the meeting.

The Senior Minister, Chair of the National AIDS Authority of Cambodia will address the meeting on the progress of the HIV/AIDS response in Cambodia, in particular the adoption of the National Policy for Ending AIDS and the Sustainability of HIV Program for 2023-2028 by the Council of Ministers on March 15, 2024. The policy aims to reduce the number of new infections to less than one per day, or around 200, and to reduce the number of AIDS related deaths to less than 200 per year.

The sustainability of the HIV/AIDS response in Cambodia stands firmly on three pillars: Ownership or Leadership, Multisectoral Partnership, and Investment at all levels. The National Policy for Ending AIDS and the Sustainability of HIV Program emphasizes the role of the Ministry of Economy and Finance in finding appropriate resources to implement HIV/AIDS programs effectively and efficiently. At the same time, the Ministry of Economy and Finance is also responsible for assessing the need for the use of HIV/AIDS response services by civil society or NGOs. In addition to free treatment for People Living with HIV, the National Policy also addresses the benefits of social protection programs for people living with HIV and to key people according to their existing living conditions.

In 2022, in line with the 95-95-95 goal, Cambodia achieved 86-99-98, which means that Cambodia has already achieved two out of three goals. Although the number of new HIV infections and deaths remains high (1,400 new infections and 1,100 deaths due to HIV/AIDS in 2022), Cambodia is recognized as one of the top countries in the world in the fight against AIDS ranked 11<sup>th</sup> out of 196<sup>th</sup>.

