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ROYAL EMBASSY OF CAMBODIA  
TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Washington D.C., September 8, 2022

Ms. Heidi Kuhn  
Founder & CEO  
Roots of Peace

Dear Ms. Kuhn,

Thank you for the invitation cordially extended to me as a Speaker at the inaugural launch of World Affairs Napa Valley event to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Roots of Peace to be held on September 8, 2022.

Taking this opportunity, I, on behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia, wish to extend my warm congratulation on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Roots of Peace.

Over the past 30 years, Cambodia has extensive efforts to remove landmines and other ERW, as a lethal legacy of wars, with significant outcomes and the cleared contaminated land have been released for productive purposes such as agricultures, resettlement, roads, schools and other social infrastructure. Additionally, Cambodia has established a comprehensive National Mine Action Strategy (2018-2025) to target mine-free Cambodia by 2025.

To achieve the above set goal, Cambodia needs sufficient budget and assistances, we, therefore, would like to call for sustained support from valuable international donor countries as well as development partners, private sectors to provide supportive assistance to the Kingdom in accelerating their support to mine action and in addressing these financial constraints. We would also appeal to the US government to consider turning the war debt into humanitarian assistance to encourage these activities of clearing mine and UXO in Cambodia.

With this respect, I would like to reaffirm our continued cooperation with all institutions, including Root of Peace, in turning legacy of war into social and economic development, turning contaminated land for production, and helping affected people in the areas for their livelihood.

I, on behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia, would like to wish the forum today a success.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Keo Chhea', written in a cursive style.

Keo Chhea  
Ambassador