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**The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland's
Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) to the Kingdom of Cambodia**

During a meeting with H.E. Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, H.E. Mrs. Tina Redshaw, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (The UK) to the Kingdom of Cambodia informed that starting from 01 January 2021, the UK will implement independent trade policy. The UK Ministers have decided not to replicate the EU partial withdrawal of trade preferences under the Program Everything But Arms (EBA) for Cambodia taking into account the economic impact of COVID-19 on some of the most vulnerable members of the society, among others, garment workers. The Ambassador said that the UK is exploring ways to establish regular dialogue with Cambodia's authorities on issues related to human rights and other freedoms.

His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn, expressed his high appreciation for the decision by the United Kingdom considering it as encouraging for the Cambodian government and a very good news for our workers who already suffer much from the Covid-19 disastrous impact. He stressed that Cambodia is firmly committed to forge mutually beneficial relations with the UK in bilateral and multilateral areas. *R.*

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