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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Phnom Penh and, with reference to the latter's Note No. 0950 dated on 26 November 2014 concerning the inclusion of certain goods from Cambodia into the US Department of Labor's updated TVPRA List, has the honor to draw the US government's attention to the substantial progress that Cambodia has achieved in its tireless efforts to address the child labor as follows:

- 1. Cambodia has been considered a model country with the best working conditions in the world and a leading country in combating the child labor.*
- 2. No forced labor incidences has been identified in such formal economic sectors as alcoholic beverages, salt production, timber, rubber plantation, tobacco, and textile. The incidences might only take place in informal economic and non-commercial sectors, namely cassava plantation, brick Sector, fishing sector, and other agricultural household farms. The ILO BFC reported a dramatic drop in child labor incidences from 67 cases to 34 cases in 2013 and 2014 respectively. Moreover, GMAC and ILO BFC inked an Agreement on Elimination of the Child Labor Incidences in the Garment Industry on 18 December 2014.*
- 3. Child labor rate was almost halved from 755,245 to 429,380 child laborers in 2001 and 2013 respectively. Also, the worst forms of child labor were significantly reduced from 253,000 in 2001 to 236,498 in 2013, taking into account the Cambodian population's growth from approximately 10 million in 2001 to about 14 million in 2013. On the same note, 20,621 child laborers have been withdrawn, prevented and integrated into the society as a result of the World Vision Cambodia projects.*

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia avails itself of this opportunity to the Embassy of the United States of America in Phnom Penh the assurances of its high consideration.

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