

## Speech By

### **Senior Minister His Excellency Ieng Mouly, Chair of the National AIDS Authority, at the closing of the First NAA Plenary Meeting of 2019 at Sankeahak Met Koy Hotel in Kep Province on June 5, 2019**

Excellencies, Lok Chumteav, ladies, gentlemen, and misses as well as national and international guests present at this meeting,

After our plenary meeting spent valuable time in the whole morning to make presentations, hold discussions, and offer views in a lively manner and has achieved proud results in line with the meeting's objectives, I wish to summarize it as follows:

1. The adoption in principle of the progress report on effectiveness and achievements scored in the comprehensive and multisectoral response to the spread of HIV and AIDS over the first six months of 2019;
2. The adoption in principle of the national plan on the response to the spread of HIV and AIDS for the remaining six months of 2019;
3. The plenary meeting members have undertaken to continue preparing the plan for the implementation of the "Notification No. 231 SCNSS" with high efficaciousness, and
4. The plenary meeting has concurred to issue a resolution of the National AIDS Authority's First Plenary Meeting of 2019 for further implementation of the response to HIV and AIDS towards attaining the 95-95-95 targets by 2025.

Excellencies, Lok Chumteav, ladies, and gentlemen,

Even though our time was only one morning, the active participation of Your Excellencies, Lok Chumteav, ladies, and gentlemen has allowed our precious time to be fruitful. Hence, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely compliment all the meeting members.

I would also like to avail myself of this opportunity, prior to the closing of our plenary meeting, to air my views and present a summary of the results obtained from the meeting as follows:

1. Overall, we all genuinely tried to implement the action plan for the first six months of 2019 at ministries, national and international institutions, and civil society at the national and subnational levels, although the results we achieved were dissimilar, according to the concrete situation of each institution;

2. Our Cambodia still has sufficient possibilities to control and further scale down the spread of HIV as well as to provide care and antiretroviral therapy to more than 80% of the needy, but it does not have any reports on discrimination against HIV/AIDS carriers;
3. Congratulations are extended to the Ministry of Planning for having facilitated integrating HIV/AIDS carriers one after the other into the group of ID-Poor recipients;
4. Encouragement is given to the Ministry of Economy and Finance for having boosted national budget and coordinated its utilization in the fight against AIDS;
5. Ministries, State Secretariat, capital city, and provinces are encouraged to dispatch on time the reports, having not yet been sent, to the National AIDS Authority Secretariat, and
6. Fund deficiency remains a major problem hampering the full implementation of the action plan as planned or the possibilities of expanding coverage to new areas, new target groups.

In addition, I would also like to offer some recommendations as follows:

1. The National AIDS Authority Secretary General should gather all the recommendations adopted in principle at this meeting to finalize the report on the activities carried out during the first six months of 2019 and improve the action plan planned for the remaining six months of 2019;
2. Continue to join the “National Movement” to contain the spread of HIV and AIDS in conformity with the high recommendation of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia;
3. Spur the National AIDS Authority members at national and subnational levels to boost their efforts in the fight against AIDS towards achieving the three zeros targets and, especially, the Ministry of Health reaching the 95-95-95 targets as scheduled between 2025 and 2030;
4. Continue to implement the resolution of the National AIDS Authority’s First Plenary Meeting of 2019, which is just adopted now;
5. Encourage the ministries and institutions, which have not yet acquired funds from the Ministry of Economy and Finance, to present the request for the 2020 funding contained in their respective budget package plans;
6. The ministerial, institutional, capital city, and provincial AIDS Committees are invited to push for regular provision of (monthly, semester, and annual) reports to the National AIDS Authority, through consolidating the Three-Ones Principle: one coordinating and leading institution, one strategic planning, and one tracking system. The National AIDS Authority will make evaluation and issue meritorious certificates at the Second Plenary Meeting to take place by the end of 2019.

7. Call on the Ministry of Economy and Finance to continue making more national budget investments so as to fast track the achievement of the targets as planned, and
8. Appeal to development partners and the private sector to continue providing assistance, be it technical, material, or financial, to Cambodia until success is attained in eradicating AIDS once and for all.

Excellencies, Lok Chumteav, ladies, and gentlemen,

Before concluding, I would like to thank Your Excellencies, Lok Chumteav, ladies, gentlemen, and misses as well as national and international guests for their attendance at this significant plenary meeting and their active participation in offering fine and valuable ideas for use to improve the implementation of the fight against AIDS, making it more effective to another level.

I would also like to compliment the National AIDS Authority General Secretariat for its efforts to organize this plenary meeting, enabling to proceed smoothly and achieve proud success now.

At the end, I would like to wish Your Excellencies, Lok Chumteav, ladies, gentlemen, and misses as well as national and international guests the four gems of Buddhist blessings-- longevity, nobility, healthiness, and strength—and a safe trip back home.

I would like to announce the “National AIDS Authority’s First Plenary Meeting of 2019” officially closed from now on.

Thank you!