Today, I am truly delighted and extremely honored to have been invited to address the “73\textsuperscript{rd} World Health Assembly” on the topic of Combating COVID-19. On behalf of the Royal Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia and my own behalf, I would like to express my deep appreciation for the invitation extended by H.E. Dr. Tedros, Director General of the World Health Organization.

“COVID-19 shows Cambodia as a small country with a big heart”. Cambodia has been calling for global and regional solidarity, no one country overcome the COVID-19. Cambodia has been recognized globally for its management of the Westerdam Cruise Ship event in February 2020. The decision made by Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia chose to accept for the ship to dock in Cambodia as it was running short on supplies due to being turned away from several other ports. In collaboration and coordination with WHO, USCDC, IPC and other partners, Cambodia made great efforts in managing the health screening, quarantine, lab testing and onward transport of all passengers and crews back home. Cambodia’s endeavors in managing the Westerdam Cruise Ship event have been highly appreciated by WHO and the world.
At the time of the common health threats posed by the Covid-19, which requires life-saving solidarity and wide-ranging cooperation more than ever, I believe that the World Health Organization, a UN specialized agency, should handle the question related to Taiwan in accordance with the one-China principle set forth in Resolution 2758 of the UN General Assembly and Resolution 25.1 of the World Health Assembly (WHA). Cambodia respects the decision of the People’s Republic of China as to the above-said matter.

Since the first case detected on 27 January 2020, Cambodia made our every effort to have rapidly responded to all 122 confirmed cases with no death and 122 recovered to date. We did not have any new cases for more than 1 month. However, we maintain our high vigilance. We are currently gradually adjusting our public health and social measures through a step-wise approach to maintain social-economic continuity.

Cambodia has developed and implemented Master Plan for COVID-19 with nine priority areas: 1) incident management and planning; 2) surveillance and risk assessment; 3) laboratory; 4) clinical management and health care services; 5) infection prevention and control; 6) non-pharmaceutical public health measures; 7) risk communication; 8) points of entry; and 9) operational logistics.

Your Honorable Ministers, Head of Delegations, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

National Committee to Combat COVID-19 has established and led by Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, then the Inter-Ministerial Committee to Combat COVID-19 led by Minister of Health has played a crucial role in responding, leading and coordinating the implementation of response measures across the whole-of-government and whole-of-society including border screening, quarantine, contact tracing, non-pharmaceutical interventions and reducing public health risk in their own settings, as well as supporting communication and messaging on public health measures for communities, and addressing the social and
economic impacts and ensuring business continuity with strongly supported by the Provincial Committees to Combat COVID-19 at sub-national level.

Good progress has been made in implementing the Master Plan. Funding has been mobilized from the RGC, development partners, private sectors and civil society. National hotline, rapid response teams and testing capacity have been enhanced, various physical distancing measures such as school closures, night club closure and other entertainment places to reduce transmission. Health facilities have been expanded and upgraded to manage COVID-19 patients, with health workers trained on case management and infection prevention and control. To support the response, commodities such as personal protective equipment (PPE), laboratory testing materials and medical equipment have been procured. Cambodia would like to express our needs to access to new diagnostics, vaccines and therapeutics for this novel coronavirus.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to express my sincere thanks to WHO, many countries and partners who have been supporting Cambodia in fighting against COVID-19 to date. Our journey towards a safe and healthier world continues. Cambodia fully supports WHO leadership and coordination in the global response to COVID-19. Cambodia will continue to collaborate with WHO, countries and partners to combat this new disease.

Finally, I wish Your Excellency, Heads of Delegation, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen good health and success in your deliberation.

Thank you very much!