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**Excellencies, Lok Chumteavs, Ladies and Gentlemen, Officials in Charge of
the Requests for Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters of the Ministry of Justice**

Objective: Guidelines for prioritizing the implementation of requests for mutual legal assistance in criminal matters.

The Ministry of Justice noted that as a central authority, the Ministry of Justice has received many requests for mutual legal assistance in the criminal matters from various countries in accordance with the Law on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters. To ensure the effective and timely implementation of those requests, prioritizing the implementation of requests for mutual legal assistance in the criminal matters is necessary and important. Therefore, the Ministry of Justice would like to advise Excellencies, Lok Chumteavs, Ladies and Gentlemen who are in charge of the work related to the request for mutual legal assistance in the criminal matters of the Ministry of Justice to prioritize the implementation of the requests for mutual legal assistance in the criminal matters by considering the following key points:

A- Relation between the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Requesting States: Prioritization shall be considered on requests from states having bilateral agreements relating to mutual legal assistance in the criminal matters with the Kingdom of Cambodia, states providing mutual legal assistances to the Kingdom of Cambodia based on reciprocity, states having extensive cooperation with the Kingdom of Cambodia, states that are signatories to agreements related to mutual legal assistance in the criminal matters together with the Kingdom of Cambodia, such as the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Of ASEAN, states bordering the Kingdom of Cambodia, regional states together with the Kingdom of Cambodia, etc.

B. Type of Offense: Prioritization shall be considered on the requests related to serious offenses affecting public order, such as offenses involving the abuse of women or children, human trafficking offenses, transnational offenses, money laundering offenses, drug offenses, for example.

C. Level of Complexity of the Requests: Prioritization shall be considered on the requests that are simple, not too complicated and do not require a great amount of time to study the requests.

D - Deadline for Implementation of Requests: Prioritization shall be considered on the requests that set necessary and appropriate implementation deadlines.

Please, Excellencies, Lok Chumteavs, Ladies and Gentlemen, who are the officials in charge of the requests for mutual legal assistance in the criminal matters of the Ministry of Justice, implement this guideline effectively from the date of signing.

Phnom Penh, 20 November 2020

Minister

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