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**STRENGTHENING AUSTRALIAN CAMBODIAN PARTNERSHIP IN MINE ACTION**

The Hon Kim Beazley AC, Chairman of the Australian War Memorial, and former Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, will visit Siem Reap 23-26 November to attend the Fifth Review Conference (5RC) of the States Parties to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (The Ottawa Convention).

The visit underscores Australia's longstanding commitment to supporting Cambodia in its demining efforts, building on decades of collaboration aimed at creating safer communities, promoting development, and achieving a mine impact free Cambodia.

The convention, which brings together global leaders, experts, and advocates in demining, highlights Cambodia's leadership on mine action. Building on its own recovery from being a heavily land mine impact country, Cambodia has emerged as a leading advocate for a mine-free world.

Through the dedication of the Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority and related agencies, Cambodia has made remarkable progress, clearing large tracts of land contaminated by remnants of war. This success serves as a model, showcasing how determined action, strategic partnerships, and community engagement can lead to tangible results.

Cambodia's journey toward becoming a mine impact free country is an inspiring example. Australia is proud to have played a part supporting these efforts. Together, we are working toward a shared vision of safety, prosperity, and dignity for all.

Australia's de-mining efforts align with its broader commitment to regional peace and security. For over 30 years, Australia has provided around AUD 100 million to support mine action in Cambodia, supplying advanced equipment, training local de-miners, and funding programs that prioritise landmine survivors' rehabilitation and reintegration into society. Australian support has helped Cambodia to make substantial strides in reducing its mine-affected areas, enhancing rural development and economic growth, and transforming former battlegrounds into productive land for farming and community development.

Together, Cambodia and Australia are working toward a future free from mine impacts, where communities can thrive and develop.

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