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[Text] Hanoi VNA May 2--Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, head of state of Cambodia and chairman of the National United Front of Cambodia, has sent a message of greetings to President Nguyen Huu Tho and President Huynh Tan Phat, saying:

"In this historic hour, we, your close comrades-in-arms, would like to convey with admiration our warmest greetings to you and to the fraternal Vietnamese people in the Republic of South Vietnam and in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam on the occasion of your final victory."

He went on: "This victory has most perfectly fulfilled the sacred testament of his excellency the beloved President Ho Chi Minh, the legendary and immortal hero of Vietnam and of her national independence and unity. This most glorious victory is the crown of the exemplary struggle waged for many years with the highest patriotism and heroism against the richest and strongest, and the most ferocious, aggressive, stubborn and cunning imperialism of all times, and its stooges. The complete victory you have won over these imperialists is the finest chapter of the history of many thousand years of the Vietnamese nation whose exploits are uncountable. This is a victory for Vietnam and also for the other peoples in Indochina and in the Third World."

The Cambodian head of state continued: "Mankind in general and the entire Cambodian people in particular will never forget the priceless and matchless contribution you have made to the victory of the irresistible process of the common liberation struggle of the Third World. The liberation in the same month of April of the two capital cities of Phnom Penh and Saigon, which marks the complete liberation of our two countries Cambodia and Vietnam shows how beneficial our unity and solidarity are--unity and solidarity which are built on the firm foundation of the historic Indochinese Peoples' Summit Conference. The peoples of Cambodia and Vietnam, together with the Lao people, will continue our victorious advance side by side, toward a very bright future for all. It is with this belief that I warmly wish you complete success in the reconstruction of South Vietnam and in the reunification of your country."

This is especially so among the peoples of the nonaligned countries, Asia, Africa, Latin America and other freedom-, justice-, and peace-loving progressive peoples throughout the world who regard our people's great victory as their own. The people, popular and political organizations, leaders, governments, radio stations and newspapers in these many friendly countries have held mass meetings, issued press communiques and carried editorials on our revolution, expressing their admiration and support for the just political line of our revolutionary movement and praising our nation, people and revolutionary army who have resolutely, valiantly and stubbornly struggled with the loftiest spirit of self-reliance until they achieved great victory over U.S. imperialism--the most ferocious imperialism in the world.

In a spirit of modesty and with the firm conviction that the revolution of the world peoples is inseparable from that of Cambodia, the Cambodian people express their deep thanks to all the friendly and peace-loving peoples around the world. As the special national congress of Cambodia reaffirmed on 28 April, our country is trying and will try, in cooperation with the Asian, African and Latin American peoples and other peoples throughout the world, including the peace- and justice-loving Americans, to promote mutual help in the struggle against imperialism and old and new colonialism for genuine independence, peace, democracy, justice and progress in the world.

The long-standing strategic position of our Cambodia is to firmly pursue the policy of independence, peace, neutrality and nonalignment. Our people absolutely will not allow any country to establish military bases in Cambodia and are firmly and irrevocably opposed to all forms of foreign interference in Cambodia's internal affairs, struggling resolutely against all forms of subversion and aggression. Our people are resolutely determined not to interfere in the internal affairs of any country nor to conduct subversion in any country. Our nation fully respects the principles of sovereignty and the rights and self-determination of each individual country.

Firmly upholding this modest stand, the new Cambodia will establish relations with various countries and all friendly countries. Long live the just stand and the lofty prestige of the new Cambodia on the international scene!

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