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Statement By Cambodia

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PRTR is one of the most useful tools in evaluating environmental management and sustainable development. Cambodia implemented PRTR project phase I 2009-2012 and phase II 2015-2019. By implementing these two phases of PRTR, we have developed a national strategy for public access to environmental information and dissemination of PRTR data, established a digital PRTR platform, carried out pilot activity in 42 facilities of five main sectors and recently incorporated PRTR into environmental and natural resources code. In this regard, we would like to take this opportunity to thank UNITAR and development partners for their support provided for Cambodia.

With progress made, we also have challenges facing us including increasing reporting responsibility and mechanism for industry, lack of regulation and technical guidelines for implementation, limited institutional capacity and coordination, and lack of public awareness and industrial participation.

To address these challenges, we need to harmonize reporting mechanism, develop regulation and guideline for PRTR, build capacity for responsible officers and personnel for PRTR, update inter-ministerial working group for PRTR, enhance public awareness about use of PRTR and promote industry participation in PRTR application.

Thank you!