

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM
AND
THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA
ON
WATERWAY TRANSPORTATION**

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Royal Government of Cambodia, hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties,

Prompted by the desire to promote the friendship between the two nations, to accelerate initiatives for the encouragement of international trade and international collaboration on the basis of equality and the common benefit;

Desiring to facilitate waterborne transportation of cargo and passengers between the two countries as well as transit transportation of cargo and passengers to and from third States within the territory of the Contracting Parties;

Considering the need to update the Agreement between the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Royal Government of Cambodia on Waterway Transportation, done at Hanoi on 13th of December 1998, which shall be wholly replaced by the present Agreement;

Have agreed as follows:

Chapter 1
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1
Purpose of Agreement

The purpose of the present Agreement is:

(1) to establish a legal framework for the effective implementation of freedom of navigation in the Mekong river system, thereby implementing Article 9 of the Agreement.

