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PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO LAOS

The following is the text of a message sent today by the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Whitlam, to the Prime Minister of Laos, Prince Souvanna Phouma:

"On the occasion of the signature of the protocol annexed to the Agreement on the Re-establishment of Peace and the Realisation of National Concord in Laos, I wish to express my warmest congratulations and best wishes to you and to the people of Laos. The Australian Government and people acknowledge with admiration your tireless efforts to produce a settlement which will reflect the common desire of the Lao people to direct their own affairs. In particular it is our earnest hope that under your guidance the Provisional Government will pave the way for a lasting peace in which the independence, territorial integrity and neutrality of Laos will be respected by all parties and by all nations.

We in Australia look forward to the continuation and expansion of the warm and friendly relations which have always existed between our two countries and I would welcome discussions

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between our representatives at a time convenient to your Government about ways in which Australia might assist the development of a prosperous and unified Laos.

Once again permit me to express my pleasure at the achievement represented by the signature of the protocol annexed to the Agreement on the Re-establishment of Peace and the Realisation of National Concord in Laos and to wish you every success in the tasks that lie ahead."