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OF THAILAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to convey to you the position of the Government of Thailand, as evidenced by the following documents, on the incident involving the destruction of a Korean Airline Boeing 747 passenger aircraft which resulted in the tragic loss of lives, including a number of Thai nationals:

Message from His Excellency General Prem Tinsulanonda, Prime
Minister of Thailand, to His Excellency Mr. Chun Doo Hwan,
President of the Republic of Korea, dated 2 September 1983

"Your Excellency,

The Government and people of Thailand are deeply shocked and saddened by the tragic news of the crash of a Korean Airline jetliner with the reported loss of 269 casualties including a number of Thai nationals. We are appalled by the way in which the unarmed commercial aircraft was mercilessly attacked and we strongly condemn this premeditated and inhumane act. We join with you and your people in this time of national sorrow and frustration.

General Prem Tinsulanonda
Prime Minister of Thailand"

Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, dated
2 September 1983

"The Government of Thailand is deeply saddened by this event as it constitutes an inhumane act against an unarmed commercial airline, resulting in the loss of lives of 269 passengers, including those of eight Thai nationals.

The Government of Thailand condemns such act and calls upon the Government responsible to clarify the events leading to the crash and to immediately take humanitarian action in searching for those passengers who may still be alive."

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I further have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) M. L. Birabhongse KASEMSRI
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