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Letter dated 15 February 1985 from the Permanent Representative of
Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon the instructions of my Government and pursuant to my letter dated 9 January 1985 (A/40/75-S/16888), I have the honour to bring to Your Excellency's attention a review of recent acts of aggression perpetrated by the Vietnamese forces in violation of the sovereignty and the territorial integrity of Thailand as follows:

In early February 1985, despite numerous appeals for respect of the sovereignty and the territorial integrity of Thailand issued earlier by a number of countries including an appeal by Your Excellency, Viet Nam has remained adamant and the Vietnamese troops have made incursions into Thai territory at five different points along the Thai-Kampuchean border, namely Bok Pass and An Mah Pass in Ubon Rachatanee Province, Pra Palai Pass in Si Saket Province, O Bok Pass in Burirum Province and Khao Din in Prachinburi Province.

Furthermore, in Trat Province, Thailand, Thai troops clashed with Vietnamese troops in several incidents in which one Thai soldier was killed and four others were seriously wounded. Vietnamese troops also attacked a Thai military base at O Bok Pass in Burirum Province causing the death of one Thai soldier.

The Vietnamese military actions along the Thai-Kampuchean border have further exacerbated the hardship and the misery not only to the Kampuchean civilians who have been victims of their fierce and ruthless attacks, but also the Thai villagers living along the border. At least 30 shells fired by

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Vietnamese 122 and 130 MM guns landed in Wattana Nakorn District of Prachinburi Province causing two deaths and wounding one Thai villager. About 160 Thai villagers had subsequently to be evacuated from the area. Another 16 shells from Vietnamese guns destroyed two houses and a large number of livestock in Aranyaprathet District of Prachinburi Province.

The Vietnamese military offensive against Dang Rek civilian encampment during Your Excellency's official visit to Thailand has driven more than 17,000 Kampuchean civilians and 4,000 Vietnamese civilians into Thailand. Furthermore, heavy fighting, which is still continuing at present, has so far forced more than 16,000 Kampuchean civilians to be evacuated to the Thai Provinces of Trat and Prachinburi.

The Royal Thai Government demands that Viet Nam immediately cease its illegal and hostile actions against Thailand which have exacerbated the hardship to both innocent Thai and Kampuchean peoples as well as increased tensions in the region. By ignoring the international appeals and intensifying its brutal military aggression against the Kampuchean people and Thailand, Viet Nam has clearly revealed its desire to continue to pursue a military solution in Kampuchea. Such actions clearly undermine any attempt to initiate a meaningful dialogue for a peaceful settlement of the Kampuchean problem.

I have the honour to request that the text of this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 22 and 40 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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