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Letter dated 9 January 1985 from the Permanent Representative of  
Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to convey to Your Excellency the following message from His Excellency Air Chief Marshal Siddhi Savetsila, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand:

"Excellency,

"I have the honour to inform you that on 8 January 1985, two days before the twenty-first session (plenary) of the Interim Mekong Committee was to begin in Hanoi, the Royal Thai Government made a decision to refrain from sending a delegation to participate in this plenary session. This decision stemmed from the fact that the Vietnamese forces operating in Kampuchea had made several and sustained incursions into Thai territory, resulting in the deaths of numerous Thai soldiers and extensive damages to the property of Thai citizens. These acts have greatly undermined the spirit of co-operation that has existed in the Interim Mekong Committee.

"As a consequence, the Royal Thai Government has found it impossible to participate in this session of the Committee. This decision was conveyed to His Excellency Mr. Somphavan Inthavong, Chairman of the Committee, and to Mr. Galal Magdi, Executive Agent of the Mekong Secretariat in notes from Mr. Prapath Premmani, Secretary-General of the National Energy Administration and member for Thailand on the Interim Mekong Committee. The texts of the notes are reproduced herewith for your information.

'Note addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

'It is with deep regret that I have to inform you that the situation along the Thai-Kampuchean border has sharply deteriorated in the past few days, as a result of premeditated, blatant and continuing violation of Thailand's territorial integrity and sovereignty by the Vietnamese forces operating in Kampuchea. These violations have occurred near the Kampuchean encampments at Ampil and at O'Bok Pass. They have caused the deaths of numerous Thai soldiers and extensive damages to the property of Thai citizens.

'Although Thailand would wish to divorce the work of the Interim Mekong Committee from the political and military developments along the Thai-Kampuchean border, these incidents to which I have alluded have seriously undermined the co-operative spirit that has existed in the Interim Mekong Committee. For this reason, which I feel sure you would understand, it is not possible for the Thai delegation to participate in the twenty-first session of the Committee, scheduled to take place in Hanoi on 10 January 1985.

'I have also undertaken to write a similar note to the Executive Agent of the Mekong Secretariat.'

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"I would be appreciative if you could circulate this letter and the appendices as official documents of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

"ACM Siddhi Savetsila  
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand"

I have the honour to request that the text of this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under the items entitled "The situation in Kampuchea", "Question of peace, stability and co-operation in South-East Asia" and "Operational activities for development", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) M. L. Birabhongse KASEMSRI  
Permanent Representative

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