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Letter dated 5 January 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 25 September 1986 (A/41/651-S/18365), I have the honour to bring to your attention the latest acts of armed aggression perpetrated by the Vietnamese forces in Kampuchea in violation of Thailand's sovereignty and territorial integrity, as follows:

- 1. On 2 January 1987, at 1022 hours a Royal Thai Air Force L-19 observation plane with two crew members was shot down by a 12.7 mm anti-aircraft dun fired by Vietnamese forces while on a routine flight over Thai territory 1 kilometre from the Thai-Kampuchean border in the vicinity of Ban Sanro-Cha-Nqan (Taphraya District, Prachinburi Province). The plane was badly damaged and crashed while trying to land at Wattana Nakhorn Air Base; the pilot was killed and another crew member was seriously injured.
- 2. Earlier, during November and December 1986, the Vietnamese forces had committed 129 cases of violations against Thailand's sovereignty and territorial integrity, which resulted in losses of lives of innocent Thai people and their properties.

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The Vietnamese acts of aggression constitute a breach of Thailand's sovereignty and territorial integrity, contrary to various prounoucements by Viet Nam to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Thailand.

The Royal Thai Government strongly condemns these deliberate hostile acts by the Vietnamese forces against Thailand and reaffirms its legitimate rights to take all necessary measures to safeguard Thailand's sovereignty and territorial integrity as well as the lives and properties of the Thai people.

The Royal Thai Government demands that Viet Nam immediately cease further acts of armed aggression and hostility against Thailand, for which the Vietnamese Government would have to bear the full responsibility and consequences.

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", "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security", "Peaceful settlement of disputes between States", and "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) M. L. Birabhongse KASEMSRI Permanent Representative