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Letter dated 25 July 1980 from the Permanent Representative  
of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the joint statement issued on 16 July 1980 at Bangkok after the meeting between Thai officials and representatives of relief agencies, and to request you kindly to have this letter and its enclosure circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under items 22 and 78 of the provisional agenda.

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ANNEX

Joint statement issued on 16 July 1980 in Bangkok after the  
meeting between Thai officials and representatives of relief  
agencies

Following is the text of a joint statement issued today in Bangkok after a meeting between Thai Government officials and representatives of international relief agencies:

"1. A meeting between Thai Government officials and representatives of the international relief agencies was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangkok, on 16 July 1980. The Thai delegation, comprising senior officials from concerned authorities, was led by Air Chief Marshall Siddhi Savetsila, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand. Sir Robert Jackson, Senior Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, led a delegation of senior representatives of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC) was represented by senior officials. The purpose of the meeting was to review the current state of the humanitarian operations now being carried out in co-operation between the Thai Government and UNICEF, ICRC and WFP.

2. On behalf of the international agencies, Sir Robert Jackson expressed their appreciation for the humane policy of Thailand which has helped to save the lives of hundreds of thousands of Kampucheans who crossed into Thailand to seek temporary refuge since the beginning of the implementation of the relief and assistance programme for Kampuchea. He also expressed gratitude to Thailand for her readiness to serve as a staging area for the forwarding of relief supplies into Kampuchea.

3. The Minister for Foreign Affairs also expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation on behalf of the Government and the people of Thailand to all the international relief agencies for their important role in the relief efforts and their continuing support of the humanitarian programmes of the Thai Government.

4. It was agreed that there are two main components to the over-all humanitarian operation - that which takes place on the border and within Thailand, and that which is conducted within Kampuchea itself. These two components are part and parcel of the over-all relief programme. Representatives of the international organizations stated that any humanitarian policies being implemented by them are being applied in the same manner both in Thailand and Kampuchea.

5. It was noted that the General Assembly, in its resolution 34/22 on the situation in Kampuchea, stated that humanitarian relief and assistance

to the civilian population of Kampuchea, including those who had sought refuge in Thailand, should reach those for whom it was intended on a non-discriminatory basis. In consequence, effective monitoring as regards the end-use of food and other supplies is vital and necessary for the maintenance and continuation of the relief programmes.

6. All other relevant aspects of the humanitarian programmes were discussed in an atmosphere of co-operation and mutual understanding.

7. The representatives of the international organizations gave assurances to the Thai Government of their willingness and desire to co-operate to the fullest extent possible with the Government in implementing their humanitarian tasks on the border in conformity with their respective mandates, and in addition, for the United Nations organizations, the agreed guidelines adopted at the Meeting on Humanitarian Assistance and Relief to the Kampuchean People, on 27 May 1980.

8. It was agreed that the Thai Government and the international organizations would continue high-level meetings on matters of common interest and concern."

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