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Letter dated 19 February 1988 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of  
the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations addressed  
to the Secretary-General

With reference to my earlier notes to you concerning the incidents along the Thai-Lao border in the vicinity of Romklao Village, Chart Trakarn District, Phitsanulok Province, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the translation of the Joint Press Statement of the Thai-Lao Military Delegations dated 17 February 1988, issued at the end of their meeting at Bangkok on 16 and 17 February 1988 (see annex).

In this connection, I have further the honour to request that the present letter and the said text be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 42, 72, 130 and 137 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nikhom TANTEM SAPYA  
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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ANNEX

Joint press statement of the Thai-Lao delegations issued at  
Bangkok on 17 February 1988

The talks between the Thai Military Delegation, led by General Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Army and Acting Supreme Commander of the Royal Thai Armed Forces, and the Lao Military Delegation, led by General Sisavat Keobounphan, Chief-of-Staff of the Lao People's Army, were held at Bangkok on 16 and 17 February 1988. The talks between the two delegations were conducted in a brotherly spirit of good understanding and cordial atmosphere. Both sides have expressed their sincere determination to put an end to the clashes and bloodshed in the area where Phitsanulok and Sayaboury Provinces adjoin, and agreed on the following:

1. A cease-fire shall be observed by both sides as from 0800 hours of 19 February 1988.
2. Both sides shall disengage their respective troops 3 kilometres from their present line of contact within 48 hours after the commencement of the cease-fire.
3. A joint military co-ordinating group shall be set up to strictly verify, inspect and co-ordinate the implementation of paragraphs 1 and 2 above immediately after the cease-fire.
4. Both sides deem it necessary to instruct their respective troops along the Thai-Lao border to avoid armed clashes and to co-ordinate with each other in a spirit of understanding.

Both delegations are of the view that the above points, which have been mutually agreed upon, have created an atmosphere conducive to negotiation for the purpose of finding a peaceful and political solution and shall recommend to their respective Governments to begin political negotiation in earnest within 15 days after the commencement of the cease-fire in order to resolve the boundary problem between Thailand and the Lao People's Democratic Republic in this area based on international law and the provisions of the Franco-Siamese Treaty of 1907 and relevant maps.

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