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Letter dated 18 February 1988 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of
the Permanent Mission of Lao People's Democratic Republic to the
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the unofficial translation from the Lao language of the joint press release issued by the Lao and Thai military delegations at Bangkok on 17 February 1988 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex 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.

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ANNEX

Joint press release of the Lao and Thai military delegations
issued at Bangkok on 17 February 1988

The consultations between the military delegation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, led by General Sisavat Keohounphanh, head of the supreme staff of the Lao people's Army and the Thai military delegation, led by General Chaovalit Yongchaiyouth, Thai Army Commander and Acting supreme commander, were held at Bangkok on 16 and 17 February 1988. The consultations between the military delegations of both countries took place in an atmosphere of comprehension and brotherliness with both sides showing their sincere desire to cease the confrontation and bloodshed in the area connecting Savaboury Province to Phitsanoulouk Province. Hence, both sides have agreed over the important issues which can be summed up as follows:

1. Both sides will proceed to an immediate cease-fire starting from 8.00 a.m. on 19 February 1988.
2. Both sides will move their respective troops away from the present area of confrontation to 3 kilometres on each side within 48 hours from the cease-fire.
3. A military co-ordinating commission will be established immediately after the cease-fire to supervise, control and co-ordinate the strict implementation of agreements formulated in the above-mentioned points 1 and 2.
4. Both sides deem it necessary to order their respective troops which are accomplishing their duty along the Lao-Thai border to avoid confrontation and to co-ordinate with understanding.

The delegations from both sides view the above-mentioned agreements as liable to bring about an atmosphere conducive to negotiations for the peaceful and political settlement of the problems in this area and have, hence, proposed to their respective Governments to start negotiations through diplomatic channels within 15 days after the cease-fire, in order to erase the differences concerning the Lao-Thai boundary in this area following the principles of law and justice on the basis of the 1907 Franco-Siamese Treaty and concerned maps.
