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Letter dated 9 February 1988 from the Permanent Representative of
Paraguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the statement made by the Government of the Republic of Paraguay concerning the terrorist attack on a Korean Air Lines aircraft on 29 November 1987 (see annex).

I should be grateful if this note and the attached text could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Alfredo CANETE
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

On 8 February 1988, the Thai newspaper Siamrath reported that several members of the Thai Parliament, criticizing the Thai Government's policy of using force to settle the problem, expressed support for a negotiated solution. Some went so far as to doubt the validity of the Thai Government's legal argument alleging Thai sovereignty over the contested region. Despite the opinion in favour of a peaceful settlement of the problem, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand again stated on 9 February 1988 that the Thai Government would not negotiate so long as the Lao troops had not withdrawn from the region - in other words, from Lao territory. Even worse - the Thai Minister of Defence stated on the same day that he would be readjusting military tactics with the aim of launching still more violent attacks against the positions of the Lao forces. These two statements demonstrate beyond doubt the desire of the Thai Government to resort to force in order to settle the problem. Consequently, new large-scale attacks are imminent, which may jeopardize good-neighbourliness between the two Lao and Thai peoples as well as peace, stability and co-operation in South-East Asia.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter to 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) Alounkeo KITTIKHOUN
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