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Letter dated 4 March 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Thailand
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, and with reference to my earlier note to you concerning the situation along the Thai-Lao border in the vicinity of Romkiao Village (A/43/174-S/19545), Chart Trakarn District, Phitsanulok Province, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the translation of the joint press statement of the delegations of the Thai-Lao Governments, issued at Bangkok on 4 March 1988 (see annex).

In this connection, I have further the honour to request that the present letter and its annex 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) Nitya PIBULSONGGRAM
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Joint press statement of the delegations of the Thai-Lao
Governments issued at Bangkok on 4 March 1988

1. On 3 and 4 March 1988, the delegations of the Royal Thai Government, headed by M. R. Kasem Samosorn Kasemsri, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, headed by Brigadier General Thonglai Kommasit, Deputy Chief of General Political Department of the Lao People Armed Forces, met at Bangkok in order to find a solution to the Thai-Lao boundary problem in the area where Phitsanulok and Sayaboury provinces adjoin. The delegations of both Governments held a frank exchange of views in a brotherly spirit and with the determination to find durable solution to the Thai-Lao boundary problem in the said area.
2. Both delegations extensively considered the points of law involved and presented evidence including maps of the area where Phitsanulok and Sayaboury provinces adjoin. The meeting further considered the Thai proposal for the establishment of a joint committee to resolve their border demarcation problem through survey, verification and demarcation by adhering to righteousness on the basis of the provisions of the Franco-Siamese Treaty of 1907 and relevant maps. In this connection, the Lao delegation agreed to submit this matter to its Government and will notify the Thai side of the results within an appropriate time.
3. The delegations of both Governments agreed to recommend to their respective Governments to revive and improve the work of the Joint Thai-Lao Co-operation Committee at the national and local levels, set up in accordance with the Joint Communiqué of the Heads of the Government of both countries in 1979 with a view to strengthening relations and promoting co-operation between Thailand and the Lao People's Democratic Republic so as to realize their mutual goal.
4. Noting a step forward in the process of political negotiation, both sides agreed that the cease-fire as agreed upon by the Thai-Lao military delegations on 17 February 1988, at Bangkok, shall remain in effect.
