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Letter dated 27 January 1981 from the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions of my Government and pursuant to my letter of 5 January 1981, (A/36/66-S/14323), I have the honour to inform you of the following blatant violations of Thailand's sovereignty and territorial integrity by Vietnamese-Heng Samrin forces:

- 1. On 5 January 1981 at 6.10 p.m., Vietnamese-Heng Samrin forces fired three rounds of 105 mm artillery into Thai territory at Ban Kok Sabang, Aranyaprathet District, Prachinburi Province, injuring five Thai civilians, four of them seriously.
- 2. On 7 January 1981, Vietnamese-Heng Samrin forces fired 18 rounds of 82 mm mortar from Ban Yang Daeng Kum in Kampuchea into Thai territory east of Ban Non Mak Moon, Kok Soong Sub-district, Ta Phraya District, Prachinburi Province.
- 3. On 10 January 1981 at 12.30 a.m., Vietnamese-Heng Samrin forces fired one round of mortar at a Thai Army Unit based at Ta Phraya District, Prachinburi Province, injuring two Thai soldiers.
- 4. On 14 January 1981 at 12.50 p.m., Vietnamese-Heng Samrin forces fired nine rounds of 107 mm artillery into Thai territory, 200 metres to the west of Ban Taharn Pan Suk, Aranyaprathet District, Prachinburi Province, injuring one person and danaging one truck.
- 5. On 24 January 1981 at 6.00 p.m., Vietnamese-Heng Samrin forces fired one round of artillery into Ban Khao Larn, Klong Yai District, Trat Province, injuring two Thai officials.

- 6. On 26 January 1981 at 3.35 a.m., two observation posts of the First Royal Cavalry Regiment situated at border posts 29 and 30, near Ban San Ro Changan, came under attack by Vietnamese-Heng Samrin forces numbering about 10 men from Ban Kalor in Kampuchea. The intruding forces fired RPG rockets and M 79s at the two observation posts on the Thai side of the border, forcing Thai soldiers to evacuate the posts with one Thai trooper, Private Choi Suwanthad, missing.
- 7. On 26 January 1981 at 4.45 a.m., the intruders fired 20 rounds of mortar at Thai positions. The shelling continued until 6.23 a.m.
- 8. On 26 January 1981 at 7.00 a.m., Thai forces returned enemy fire with 105 mm artillery and dispatched one unit of the First Royal Cavalry Regiment to clear the area; the Unit found the body of Private Choi Suwanthad who was missing earlier, killed by RPG and small arms fire.

The Royal Thai Government condemns these blatant acts and holds the Vietnamese Government fully responsible for all of the above incidents and holds that the latter must take necessary measures to ensure that violation of Thai territory does not occur again.

I have the honour to request that the text of this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under the items entitled "The situation in Kampuchea", "Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees" and "Question of peace, stability and co-operation in South-east Asia", and of the Security Council.

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