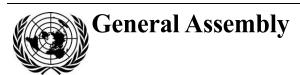
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Letter dated 19 September 2025 from the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

With reference to the letter from Maris Sangiampongsa, then Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand, dated 13 August 2025, addressed to you concerning Cambodia's repeated acts of aggression and hostilities against Thailand in violation of the ceasefire agreement, I have the honour to bring to your attention recent developments regarding the continued encroachment by Cambodians and the deliberate actions of Cambodian nationals in contravention of Thai laws within Thai territory, as follows:

- 1. The presence of Cambodians in the area of Ban Nong Ya Kaew, Khok Sung District, Sa Kaeo Province, Thailand, has long violated Thailand's sovereign territory, despite Thailand's repeated protests demanding that Cambodia take concrete actions to address the problem.
- 2. It must be emphasized that the activities undertaken by the Thai authorities in the above-mentioned area, including the installation of barbed wire, are located entirely outside the area where Thailand and Cambodia hold differing views on the boundary. They are therefore exclusively and indisputably within Thailand's territory. These measures do not in any respect amount to boundary demarcation. They are practical steps solely aimed at ensuring the security and safety of the local population, carried out within the framework of Thailand's ordinary administration, where Thailand exercises full rights of sovereignty, and are fully consistent with international law.
- 3. Despite this fact, the Cambodian side attempted to mobilize Cambodian civilians to provoke confrontation, including on 17 September 2025 at around 4 p.m., when a mass of Cambodian civilians, including young children, women and monks, were deliberately brought into Thai territory to remove the barbed wire. This compelled the Thai side to deploy riot police to manage the crowd in order to maintain law and order. The measures employed were proportionate and appropriate to the circumstances, in line with internationally accepted practices and human rights principles. Nevertheless, the Cambodian crowd continued to harass Thai officials and cause unrest in the area while the Cambodian officials present nearby made no attempt to restrain these people. As a result, four Thai policemen were injured while performing their duties.





- 4. These deliberate actions constitute a serious violation of Thailand's sovereignty and domestic laws, as well as a breach of the commitments undertaken at the General Border Committee meetings, wherein both sides agreed not to undertake provocative actions that may escalate tensions. Furthermore, Cambodia's attempt to internationalize the issue, rather than engaging in direct consultations and communications, runs counter to the spirit of mutual understanding reached between Thailand and Cambodia during the special meeting in Putrajaya and the General Border Committee meetings.
- 5. Thailand hereby demands that Cambodia immediately cease all provocative actions, including the mobilization of civilians, which unlawfully encroach upon Thai territory, escalate tensions and complicate the situation on the ground. Thailand further insists that Cambodia promptly remove all Cambodians illegally present within Thai territory, in full respect of Thailand's sovereignty.
- 6. Thailand remains fully committed to resolving differences with Cambodia through existing bilateral mechanisms, in the spirit of good neighbourliness, good faith and sincerity, for the maintenance of mutual peace and the shared benefits of both countries and their peoples.

In this connection, I have further the honour to request that the present letter be circulated as a document of the eightieth session of the General Assembly under agenda item 31.

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