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Letter dated 16 October 1979 from the Permanent Representative of  
Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions of my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following:

On 14 October 1979, at 0715, two rounds of 82 mm. mortar were fired from Kampuchean territory into Thai territory landing at Ban Klongwah, Tambon Tapprik, in the eastern border Province of Prachinburi, about 500 metres inside Thai territory. One of the shells hit a camp that was overflowing with thousands of Kampuchean civilians, who had just fled war-ravaged Kampuchea into Thailand the day before, killing five, injuring 11 others and causing great panic among the Kampucheans, most of whom were children, women, the aged and those already weak from hunger and disease.

This is the latest in the series of incidents that constitute a flagrant violation of Thailand's sovereignty and territorial integrity following the outbreak of major fighting in western Kampuchea in March of this year. In fact, over 30 cannon shells have already come across into Thai territory, causing loss of lives, damage to property and serious tension along the border region.

The Government of Thailand has so far exercised its utmost restraint in dealing with these violations of its territory. But, in view of the potential gravity of the threat to its national security arising out of the present situation, so fraught with danger to the peace and security of the South-East Asian region, Thailand urges all parties to the conflict to desist forthwith from actions which would bring the fighting into Thai territory.

In this connexion, while reiterating its neutral stance and non-involvement in the conflict, Thailand reserves its right to take the necessary measures that will safeguard its national security, sovereignty

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and territorial integrity, and to call for the attention or the action of the Security Council should the occasion so demand.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 123, and of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative of Thailand  
to the United Nations