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Letter dated 13 January 1989 from the Permanent Representatives  
of Thailand and Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the joint press statement between His Excellency Air Chief Marshal Siddhi Savetsila, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand and His Excellency Mr. Nguyen Co Thach, Vice Chairman of the Council of Ministers and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, issued on 11 January 1989, on the occasion of the visit by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand to the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam between 9 and 12 January 1989 (see annex).

We would be grateful if you could arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under the items entitled "The situation in Kampuchea", "Question of peace, stability and co-operation in South-East Asia", "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security" and "Peaceful settlement of disputes between States", and of the Security Council.

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Ambassador

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ANNEX

Joint press statement between the Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of Thailand and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam,  
issued at Hanoi on 11 January 1989

1. At the invitation of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, His Excellency Air Chief Marshal Siddhi Savetsila, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand, paid an official visit to the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam between 9 and 12 January 1989.
2. This visit, the first by a Thai Foreign Minister in 13 years, marked a new chapter in the relationship between Thailand and Viet Nam. It is an important contribution to developing the relations of friendship, co-operation and good-neighbourliness between the two countries. It further reflected their common desire to remove the obstacle to peace and stability in the region and the development of bilateral co-operation. The two sides noted with satisfaction the recent considerable breakthroughs in the relations between the two countries which should be further built upon.
3. The two sides shared the view that the rapid development of the regional and world situation from confrontation to dialogue was currently encouraging and facilitating the peaceful settlement of the existing regional problems, ushering in a new period in South-East Asia conducive to peace, stability and development for all countries in the region. The two sides shared the view that Thailand and Viet Nam, being two close neighbours sharing common borders with Kampuchea, have an important role and direct interests in solving the Kampuchean question and both have an interest in establishing a zone of peace in South-East Asia.
4. In this spirit, both sides agreed that it was necessary for them to work together in accelerating the process towards achieving a political solution to the Kampuchean problems. They noted that the most desirable solution would be a comprehensive one involving the total withdrawal of foreign troops, the cessation of external aid and intervention and the realization of national conciliation among the Kampuchean parties, leading to a Kampuchea that is sovereign, independent, neutral and non-aligned, posing no threat to other neighbouring countries. Such a comprehensive political solution would uphold the interest of the Kampuchean people and the legitimate security interests of all concerned countries.
5. Both sides agreed to intensify their discussion along with other interested parties on the external aspect of the Kampuchean question, including the troop withdrawal and cessation of external aid and intervention, which would be reinforcing the effort of the Kampuchean parties to arrive at an internal settlement based on national reconciliation. Both sides stressed the need for continued talks among the Kampuchean parties.
6. Both sides recognized the significant contribution of the Jakarta Informal Meeting (JIM) in advancing the effort to resolve the Kampuchean problem. The two sides agreed that the second JIM should be convened at an early date and made into

a success. They felt that the forum should be expanded at an appropriate time so as to involve other concerned countries in the peace process.

7. Both sides agreed that the building up of mutual trust and confidence between the two countries is essential in contributing to a comprehensive political solution to the Kampuchean problem and to peace, stability and security in South-East Asia. They expressed the readiness to engage in regular dialogue on regional and bilateral matters of mutual interests with a view to achieving further progress in their relationship. The two sides recognized that the increased contact between businessmen and scholars would further promote goodwill and understanding between the two countries. The two sides agreed to review the agreements already signed between the two countries with a view to reactivating them.

8. The Thai Foreign Minister expressed his appreciation for the decision of the Vietnamese authorities to release 281 Thai fishermen detained in Viet Nam.

9. His Excellency Air Chief Marshal Siddhi Savetsila conveyed to the Chairman of the Council of Ministers, Do Muoi, a letter from the Prime Minister of Thailand, His Excellency General Chatichai Choonhavan, in which he expressed that his forthcoming visit will culminate in a new era of constructive relations and lasting friendship between Thailand and Viet Nam for their mutual benefit.

10. Both sides welcomed the successful outcome of the talks, reflecting a meeting of minds, which holds the prospect for fruitful co-operation, peaceful coexistence and friendship between the two countries.

11. His Excellency Air Chief Marshal Siddhi Savetsila expressed his deep appreciation for the very warm welcome and gracious hospitality extended to him and his party by the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

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