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Letter dated 6 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I wish to inform you that following the fourth straw poll, held on 2 October 2006, Surakiart Sathirathai, the candidate of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations for the post of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, has decided to withdraw his candidature in order to facilitate the selection process for the next Secretary-General.

(*Signed*) Khunying Laxanachantorn **Laohaphan**
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

