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Letter dated 13 February 1984 from the Permanent Representative of  
Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon the instructions of my Government and pursuant to my letter dated 6 October 1983 (A/38/486-S/16027), I have the honour to bring to your further attention various violations of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Thailand committed by Vietnamese forces in Kampuchea during September to December 1983, as follows:

1. During September 1983, Vietnamese forces fired more than 150 artillery shells into Thai territory in seven separate incidents, destroying a number of houses of Thai villagers. Vietnamese forces also made two incursions into Thai territory and, on one occasion, clashed with Thai troops. On 20 September 1983, a Vietnamese armed vessel fired at three Thai fishing boats in Thai territorial waters in Trat province. The said armed vessel was formerly a Thai fishing boat which had been illegally seized from Thai territorial waters, modified and armed with heavy weapons. As a result, one Thai crew member was killed, several others were seriously injured and the Thai boats were seized. Moreover, on 26 September 1983, Vietnamese troops fired 12.7 mm anti-aircraft machine-guns at a Thai plane which was on routine reconnaissance patrol in Thai airspace, in the Pong Nam Ron district, Chantaburi province. Fortunately, no one was hurt.

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2. During October 1983, Vietnamese forces made seven incursions into Thai territory. On four of these, Vietnamese troops also plundered Thai villages. As a result, a Thai villager was killed, three others were seriously injured and a Thai girl was raped, and their belongings, including 53 water buffaloes, were seized. On another occasion, Vietnamese forces entered Thai territory and set mines in the areas around Khlong Manow hill, Klong Yai district in Trat province. Six Thai soldiers who patrolled those areas were seriously injured. In the same month, Vietnamese forces fired more than 250 artillery shells into Thai territory in 12 separate incidents, injuring at least 2 Thai villagers, destroying a village school and a number of houses. On another occasion, Vietnamese forces fired at a Thai helicopter patrolling the border in Thai territory in the Aranyaprathet district, Prachinburi province. Four shells hit the helicopter. Fortunately, the pilots were not injured.

3. During November 1983, more than 170 artillery shells were fired into Thai territory by Vietnamese forces on 5 separate occasions, injuring 5 villagers, some seriously. Some livestock were killed and properties were badly damaged. Vietnamese forces also made five incursions into Thai territory, killing a Thai soldier and seriously injuring another. In the same month, Viet Nam violated Thai airspace three times.

4. During December 1983, Vietnamese forces fired more than 100 artillery shells into Thai territory in 6 separate incidents. They also made five incursions into Thai territory and, on one occasion, clashed with Thai troops. As a result, a Thai soldier was killed.

These incidents once again demonstrate that Vietnamese forces in Kampuchea continue deliberately to violate the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Thailand. The Royal Thai Government strongly protests these unprovoked and blatant acts of aggression committed by Vietnamese forces. Thailand will employ all necessary means at its disposal to safeguard its sovereignty and territorial integrity against foreign aggressors and to protect the lives and property of the Thai people.

I have the honour to request that the text of this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 20 and 37 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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