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Letter dated 29 March 1984 from the Permanent Representative
of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

Upon the instructions of my Government and further to my note dated 13 February 1984 (A/39/112-S/16343), I have the honour to bring to your attention the latest act of aggression committed by the Vietnamese forces in Kampuchea in violation of Thailand's sovereignty and territorial integrity as follows:

1. On 25 March 1984, at 1600 hours, Vietnamese forces from a base in Preah Vihear Province in Kampuchea crossed over into Thai territory along the area north of Phrapalai Pass, Kantharalak District, Si Saket Province. Thai troops fired artillery shells and used air-strike to push back the Vietnamese forces.

2. The Vietnamese, on the same day, attacked a Kampuchean civilian encampment inside Kampuchea opposite the Thai village of Ban Samrong Kiat, Khun Han District, Si Saket Province. As a result, a number of shells landed in Thai territory. Moreover, this latest attack has forced about 10,000 Kampuchean civilians to cross the border to seek temporary shelter inside Thai territory. Officials of the International Committee of the Red Cross and the United Nations Border Relief Operations have been dispatched to help these displaced Kampucheans.

The Royal Thai Government strongly condemns such unprovoked and blatant acts of aggression by Vietnamese forces against Thailand's sovereignty and territorial

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integrity and, once again, reaffirms its legitimate right to undertake all measures necessary to safeguard the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Thailand and to protect the lives and property of the Thai people.

The Royal Thai Government wishes also to draw Your Excellency's attention to the inhuman crimes against the unarmed and innocent Kampuchean civilians deliberately committed by Vietnamese forces in Kampuchea in blatant violation of the fundamental principles of human rights, international law and the Charter of the United Nations.

The Royal Thai Government expresses its grave concern over the dangerous situation prevailing in the Thai-Kampuchean border areas which has been precipitated by the continued occupation of Kampuchea by a very large number of Vietnamese troops. The Royal Thai Government, therefore, urges that the Government of Viet Nam exercise self-restraint and desist from further acts of armed aggression which could only escalate the violent confrontation for which the Government of Viet Nam would have to bear full responsibility and consequences.

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.

(Signed) M. L. Birabhongse KASEMSRI
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