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Letter dated 3 April 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 letter dated 29 March 1984 (A/39/160-S/16453), I have the honour once again to draw Your Excellency's urgent attention to the recent military operations launched by Vietnamese troops in Kampuchea since 25 March 1984 against innocent Kampuchean civilians - women, children and the aged - at encampments built for them inside Kampuchea by the United Nations Border Relief Operation (UNBRO) opposite the Thai villages of Ban Samrong Kiat and Bo Rai, to the east of the Thai provinces of Si Saket and Chandhaburi.

Not only did these recent operations spill over into Thailand, thus violating Thai sovereignty and territorial integrity, but also caused another massive influx of some 10,000 Kampuchean civilians into Thai territory. More can be expected, as the attacks have continued on the Kampuchean civilian encampments supervised by UNBRO.

The Royal Thai Government wishes to express its grave concern over the current situation and considers such indiscriminate attacks against Kampuchean civilian encampments, already well documented by the international media, as a serious crime against humanity.

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The Royal Thai Government, in close co-operation with UNBRO, has already granted temporary refuge and provided basic relief assistance to Kampucheans who have been compelled to abandon their homeland by Vietnamese aggression and continued occupation of parts of Kampuchea. This latest influx of Kampucheans has added a further humanitarian responsibility directly to Thailand and indirectly to the international community. Nearly 150,000 Indo-Chinese refugees and displaced persons are now being sheltered inside Thailand while some 230,000 Kampucheans are congregated along the Thai-Kampuchean border. Many of these persons would be forced to flee into Thailand if their encampments came under Vietnamese attack.

It is a fact that the funds provided by the donor countries and States Members of the United Nations for UNBRO are already very scarce and dwindling. Yet, additional requirements for UNBRO's humanitarian relief work may be necessary as a result of the current Vietnamese military operation against Kampuchean civilians as cited in the foregoing.

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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