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Letter dated 9 January 1985 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 3 January 1985 (A/40/66-S/16881), I have the honour to bring to Your Excellency's attention the latest series of acts of aggression perpetrated by the Vietnamese forces in violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Thailand as follows:

1. On 4 January 1985, a battalion of Vietnamese troops made an incursion into Thai territory to take control of an area in Nam Yuen District, Ubon Ratchataneé Province, five kilometres inside Thailand.

On the same day, the Thai troops clashed with a Vietnamese unit at Ban Kruat District, Buriram Province, one kilometre inside Thailand. As a result, one Thai soldier was killed and nine others were wounded.

2. On 5 January 1985, around 400 to 500 shells, fired by the Vietnamese troops landed in four Thai villages of Nam Yuen District, Ubon Ratchataneé Province. As a result, 1,000 Thai villagers and their livestock were evacuated to a safer area.

3. On 7 January 1985, a Thai border police patrol unit clashed with the Vietnamese troops at Obok Pass, Ban Kruat District, Buriram Province, approximately one kilometre inside Thailand. As a result, one Thai border policeman was seriously wounded.

4. On 7 January 1985, two regiments of Vietnamese troops supported by sixteen 105 mm. guns and twenty T-54 tanks launched heavy attacks on and succeeded in occupying Ampil, inside Kampuchea, opposite Ta Phraya District,

Prachinburi Province. As a result, 22,000 Khmer civilians were evacuated into Thailand. Some of the Vietnamese artillery shells landed inside Thai territory, two kilometres west of Ban Sangae of Prachinburi Province, causing injury to four Thai soldiers.

5. On 8 January 1985, the Vietnamese troops which had made the incursion into Thai territory, fired an anti-aircraft missile at a Thai A-37 aircraft flying within Thai airspace. As a result, the A-37 aircraft crashlanded about five kilometres inside the Thai border. The pilot was killed and the other airman was injured.

The Royal Thai Government condemns these recurrent incursions into Thai territory by Vietnamese troops. Their unprovoked and blatant acts of aggression against Thailand once again reveal the true nature of the Vietnamese Government's attitude towards the international opinion which has overwhelmingly rejected its policy of continued military occupation of Kampuchea and had recently demanded it to refrain from indiscriminately attacking the Khmer civilians' camps inside Kampuchea and making incursions into Thai territory. These deliberate acts of terrorism further reveal Viet nam's persistence in pursuing a military solution to the Kampuchean problem which is doomed to failure.

The Royal Thai Government urges the Vietnamese Government to desist immediately from further acts of armed aggression which could only escalate the violent confrontation for which the Vietnamese Government must bear the full responsibility for the consequences.

I have the honour to request that the text of this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under the items entitled "The situation in Kampuchea" and "Question of peace, stability and co-operation in South-East Asia", and of the Security Council.

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