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Letter dated 2 February 1983 from the Permanent Representative of
Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Pursuant to my letter dated 7 January 1983 (A/38/69-S/15559) and upon the instructions of my Government, I wish to bring to your attention the latest act of armed aggression committed by the Vietnamese forces in violation of Thailand's sovereignty and territorial integrity, as follows:

On 31 January 1983, at 6.15 a.m., during the course of a savage attack on the Kampuchean civilian encampment and hospital built by international relief organizations at Nong Chan, located about one kilometre from the Thai-Kampuchean border opposite Ban Nong Chan, Ta Phraya District, Prachinburi Province, the Vietnamese troops deliberately fired about 30 artillery shells into Thai territory at Ban Non Mak Mun, Ban Nong Chan, Ban Kok Sung and Ban Lalomtin, Ta Phraya District, Prachinburi Province, killing one Thai civilian and seriously injuring another two. The shelling also caused severe damage to houses and killed a number of livestock. Moreover, the latest attack and the subsequent burning down of the Nong Chan encampment have forced civilian Kampucheans, numbering 47,000, to cross the Thai-Kampuchean border to seek temporary shelter inside Thai territory.

The Royal Thai Government strongly condemns such unprovoked and blatant acts by Vietnamese troops against Thai sovereignty and territorial integrity and, once again, reaffirms its intention of exercising its legitimate right to undertake all necessary measures in order to safeguard its sovereignty and territorial integrity and to protect the lives and property of the Thai people. The Thai Government also wishes to draw Your Excellency's attention to the inhumane genocidal crime against the innocent Kampuchean people at Nong Chan encampment deliberately committed by the occupation forces of a State Member of the United Nations inside the territory of another sovereign State, also a Member of the same world Organization, in shameless violation of the principle of humanitarianism and the Charter of the United Nations.

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The Royal Thai Government expresses its grave concern over the continuing dangerous situation prevailing in Thai-Kampuchean border areas, which has been precipitated by the continuing occupation of Kampuchea by large numbers of Vietnamese troops. The Royal Thai Government, therefore, urges the Hanoi Government to exercise self-restraint and desist from further acts of armed aggression that could only escalate the violent confrontation for which the Hanoi Government 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 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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