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Letter dated 24 July 2025 from the Permanent Representative of Cambodia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 24 July 2025 from Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, addressed to you regarding Thailand's unprovoked military aggression against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Cambodia (see annex).

I also wish to request that you convene an urgent meeting of the Security Council to stop Thailand's aggression. I would also highly appreciate it if you could circulate the present letter and its annex to the members of the Security Council as a document of the Council.

(Signed) Chhea Keo
Permanent Representative of the
Kingdom of Cambodia to the United Nations



Annex to the letter dated 24 July 2025 from the Permanent Representative of Cambodia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing to bring to your urgent attention, as well as that of the other members of the United Nations Security Council, the recent armed aggression against Cambodia by Thai military forces at the border between the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Kingdom of Thailand, as follows:

Since the early morning of 24 July 2025, Thai armed forces launched unprovoked, premeditated and deliberate attacks on Cambodian positions along the border areas, including Tamone Thom Temple, Ta Krabey Temple and Mom Bei, in the provinces of Preah Vihear and Oddar Meanchey.

Cambodia condemns in the strongest terms and expresses its profound indignation over the unprovoked and premeditated military aggression by the Kingdom of Thailand's armed forces. This military attack flagrantly violated the principle of non-aggression and peaceful resolution of disputes – both of which are fundamental principles of international law, including the fundamental principle enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and the Charter of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), prohibiting the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity of any State, as well as a total disregard of the spirit of good neighbourliness that Cambodia has consistently strived to uphold up to now.

Facing this flagrant aggression, Cambodian troops had no option but to respond in self-defence in order to safeguard Cambodia's sovereignty and territorial integrity. Cambodia calls on Thailand to immediately cease all hostilities, withdraw its forces to its side of the border, and refrain from any further provocative actions that could escalate the situation.

Allow me to recall that border tensions and armed hostilities continue to persist between Cambodia and Thailand, despite the existence of the Franco-Siamese Convention of 1904 and Treaty of 1907, as well as the maps produced by the Commission of Delimitation of the boundary between Indo-China and Siam set up under these two international instruments, and the Memorandum of Understanding on the Survey and Demarcation of Land Boundary (MOU-2000) in which both sides commit to jointly demarcate the land boundary between the two countries based on these legal documents.

As in earlier cases, the current border hostilities between the two countries stem from Thailand's insistence on claiming sovereignty over the border areas, using its unilaterally drawn map that lacks any legal basis, and contrarily to its commitment under the MOU-2000. As a pretext for the current armed aggression, Thailand also made baseless and unfounded allegations against Cambodia over the landmine explosion after Thai personnel deviated from the patrol routes previously coordinated between the two countries and created a new path through Cambodian territories, known to be officially documented mine-fields.

It is profoundly reprehensible that this act of aggression occurs while Cambodia is actively pursuing peaceful and impartial legal avenues to resolve outstanding border issues with Thailand through both bilateral and international mechanisms. As the international community is aware, the Royal Government of Cambodia decided on 2 June 2025 to refer to the International Court of Justice for adjudication on four disputed border areas – Mom Bei, Tamone Thom Temple, Tamone Touch Temple and Ta Krabey Temple. This military escalation by Thailand takes place in spite of regional and international appeals for restraint and peaceful solutions and Cambodia's

demonstrated commitment to dialogue, including hosting the Joint Boundary Commission meeting in Phnom Penh on 14–15 June 2025.

Considering the recent extremely grave aggression by Thailand, which have gravely threatened peace and stability in the region, I earnestly request you to convene an urgent meeting of the Security Council to stop Thailand's aggression. I would also highly appreciate it if you could circulate the present letter to the members of the Security Council as a document of the Council.

(Signed) **Hun Manet**
