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Letter dated 24 May 1985 from the Permanent Representative
of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

Upon the instructions of my Government and with reference to the letter dated 20 May 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to Your Excellency (A/40/333-S/17213) accusing Thailand of having violated Kampuchea's territorial integrity and sovereignty, I have the honour to forward herewith the text of the statement dated 22 May 1985 issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand on this matter.

I have the honour to request that the text of this letter and its enclosure be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 22, 40, 72, 132 and 133 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) M. L. Birabhongse KASEMSRI
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand
on 22 May 1985 on Viet Nam's accusation that Thailand violated
Kampuchea's sovereignty and territorial integrity

On 17 May 1985, a spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam issued a statement accusing Thailand of violating Kampuchea's sovereignty and territorial integrity through airspace, land and sea, and "shelling more than 800 artillery and mortar shells" as well as sending Thai troops into Kampuchea "killing and wounding many Kampuchean civilians".

The Royal Thai Government categorically rejects the statement brought against Thailand by the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on behalf of its puppet regime in Phnom Penh as a slanderous fabrication. The groundless accusation reveals the true nature of a government which seeks to hide its frequent violations of Thailand's territorial integrity, the latest of which recently took place in the eastern province of Trat and were brought to the attention of the international community on 13 May 1985. It reveals the same old ploy of the Hanoi authorities to divert the attention of the international community from the root-cause of the problem, namely the Vietnamese occupation of Kampuchea and the denial of the Kampuchean people's right of self-determination by Viet Nam.

Viet Nam invaded Kampuchea on 25 December 1978. It installed the Heng Samrin Regime against the wishes of the Kampuchean people. It uses the Kampuchean territory to launch incursions into Thailand. The Thai armed forces have every right to use all available means to protect Thai territorial integrity and sovereignty against the Vietnamese aggression.

Should the Vietnamese forces occupying Kampuchea continue their acts of aggression against Thailand, Viet Nam would have to bear full responsibility for the consequences.