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Identical letters dated 11 August 2025 from the Permanent Representative of Cambodia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government and with reference to my previous communications dated 16 June and 7 and 21 July 2025 and to the letter dated 31 July 2025 submitted to you by Sokhonn Prak, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from Mr. Prak addressed to you regarding the Thai armed forces' continuation of escalating breaches of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Cambodia, in violation of international law and binding bilateral agreements, as well as the terms of the agreed ceasefire (see annex).

I request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 32, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Chhea **Keo**Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Cambodia
to the United Nations





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As you are fully aware, Cambodia and Thailand reached a ceasefire agreement in the special meeting hosted by Malaysia on 28 July 2025. It has spared many lives and offered hope to tens of thousands of displaced individuals, raising expectations that they might soon return home and can look forward to thriving in lasting peace and harmony. We deeply appreciate your call for restraint and dialogue and the Security Council's convening of an urgent meeting to deliberate on the Cambodia-Thailand armed conflict on 25 July 2025, which has helped to encourage this positive development.

Today, I find it relevant to bring to your urgent attention that the present extremely fragile truce is now facing a growing risk, while the armed forces of the Kingdom of Thailand have continued escalating breaches of Cambodia's sovereignty and territorial integrity, in violation of international law and binding bilateral agreements, as well as the terms of the agreed ceasefire, as follows:

- 1. On 27 July 2025, Thai armed forces conducted an assault to seize and occupy Phnom Trap in Preah Vihear Province. This area forms an integral part of the territory of the Kingdom of Cambodia. The occupation is unlawful and still persists, while Thai military personnel continue to use heavy machinery to construct roads and build bunkers in the area. It is worth recalling that, in a letter of 15 October 2008, the Permanent Representative of Cambodia to the United Nations brought to the Security Council's attention a violation by Thai armed forces in the very same area.
- 2. Since the entry into force of the agreed ceasefire on 28 July 2025, Thai military units have repeatedly entered Cambodian territory. They have illegally laid barbed wire and constructed roads at multiple locations therein.
- 3. In a deliberate and aggravated breach of the ceasefire agreed on 28 July 2025 and the agreed minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the General Border Committee of 7 August 2025, Thai forces illegally entered and escalated their activities in the An Seh area of Preah Vihear Province. They proceeded from laying barbed wire to demolishing Cambodian villagers' homes and deploying heavy machinery to build fortified bunkers.
- 4. These actions are well corroborated with the public statement made on 10 August 2025 by the Commander of Thailand's Second Army Region, who vowed that Thai soldiers will reclaim Ta Krabey Temple and plans to close Tamone Thom Temple.

Allow me to highlight that the situs of each and all of these violations lies wholly within the territory of the Kingdom of Cambodia, as defined and delimited by the 1:200,000 scale maps prepared by the Franco-Siamese Mixed Commissions pursuant to the Convention of 13 February 1904 and the Treaty of 23 March 1907. These maps – mutually accepted by the Governments of Cambodia and Thailand – were expressly determinative in the International Court of Justice judgments of 15 June 1962 and 11 November 2013 in the *Temple of Preah Vihear* case, both final and binding pursuant to article 60 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice and Article 94 of the Charter of the United Nations.

The aforementioned acts constitute serious and continuing violations of:

• The ceasefire arrangement of 28 July 2025.

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- The agreed minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the General Border Committee of 7 August 2025.
- The memorandum of understanding between the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand on the survey and demarcation of the land boundary of 14 June 2000, under which both sides commit to jointly demarcate the land boundary between the two countries based on the Franco-Siamese Convention of 1904, the Treaty of 1907 and the maps which are the results of the demarcation works of the Commissions of Delimitation of the Boundary between Indo-China and Siam.
- Fundamental principles of international law, including the prohibition of the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity of another State, as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Charter of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

The Royal Government of Cambodia therefore demands that the Royal Thai Government and the Thai armed forces:

- 1. Immediately cease all incursions, illegal occupations, and any other activities in violation of Cambodian sovereignty and territorial integrity.
- 2. Withdraw all Thai military personnel and equipment from the territory of the Kingdom of Cambodia to positions fully consistent with the legally established boundary.
- 3. Comply fully and unconditionally with all binding bilateral and international obligations, including the ceasefire agreement of 28 July 2025 and the agreed minutes of 7 August 2025.

The Royal Government of Cambodia reaffirms its consistent and unwavering commitment to seeking an amicable resolution to all boundary disputes with all its neighbours through peaceful means in accordance with international law, while remaining resolute in upholding its principled position that borders must not be changed by force.

It is my trust that you remain seized of the current situation between Cambodia and Thailand, while continuing to encourage full respect for the extremely fragile truce and supporting efforts to achieve a complete cessation of armed hostilities and progress towards normalcy.

(Signed) Sokhonn Prak

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