

The President of the Security Council presents his compliments to the members of the Council and has the honour to transmit herewith, for their attention, copies of a **letter dated 21 July 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Cambodia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council. The letter will be issued as a document of the Security Council**

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Excellency,

With reference to my previous letter Ref. RC/MP/N-168/08 dated 18 July 2008 concerning Thailand's violation of the sovereignty and occupation of the territory of the Kingdom of Cambodia, I have the honor to further bring to your kind attention the following update of the situation.

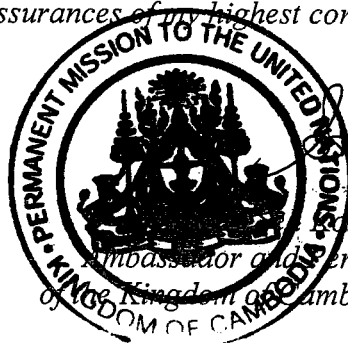
With the utmost patience and good will, the Cambodian delegation headed by **H.E. Gen. Tea Banh**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defense, held extensive discussions with the Thai delegation headed by **H.E. Gen. Boonsrang Niumpradit**, Supreme Commander of the Royal Thai Armed Forces Headquarters in the framework of the Cambodian-Thai General Border Committee (GBC) on 21 July 2008 in Thailand.

During the meeting, the Cambodian side proposed for the withdrawal of both Thai and Cambodian soldiers from **Keo Sikha Kiri Svava** pagoda in Cambodia's territory and offer to setup a village at a new location for the Cambodian villagers who have been living in the market area near **the Temple of Preah Vihear** and build facilities for them of international standard. These proposals represent a maximum concession that Cambodia can make with the good will in order to settle the crisis peacefully.

Regrettably, Thailand imposed the condition to have the rights to **border claims** and in the meantime built up their military presence with artilleries and tanks along the border. These constitute an extremely grave threat to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Cambodia as well as to peace and stability in Southeast Asia.

Considering the above and in order to prevent escalating situation leading to imminent armed conflicts, I have the honour to ask Your Excellency to convene an urgent meeting of the United Nations Security Council with the participation of H.E. Mr. HOR Namhong, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, in order to address the above mentioned issue which is a grave threat to peace and security in the region.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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