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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 to move the Cambodian market and the small village near **the Temple of Preah Vihear** further inside Cambodian territory. 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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