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PERMANENT MISSION OF THAILAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS 136 EAST 39TH ST., NEW YORK, NY 10016

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Excellency,

I have the honour to express high appreciation for Your Excellency's reply letter dated 31 July 2025, conveying of the readiness to extend necessary assistance in transmitting Thailand's Request for Clarification from the Government of Cambodia, pursuant to Article 8, Paragraph 2, of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, regarding the landmine incidents that occurred within the territory of the Kingdom of Thailand on 16 July 2025 and 23 July 2025, and inviting Thailand to provide additional information and materials concerning this matter.

On this occasion, I have further the honour to inform you that additional landmine incidents occurred in the territory of Thailand on 9 and 12 August 2025, only a few days after the ceasefire agreed between Thailand and Cambodia at the Extraordinary General Border Committee in Kuala Lumpur on 7 August 2025.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs informed you of these developments in his letter dated 13 August 2025. The incidents have been duly notified to the President-designate of the 22nd Meeting of the States Parties to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. Thailand, therefore, wishes to request further clarification from Cambodia, pursuant to Article 8, Paragraph 2, of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, with regard to these incidents.

In this regard, Thailand wishes to submit herewith, as an attachment, the Empirical Evidence and Supporting Materials Concerning the Kingdom of Thailand's Request for Clarification from the Government of Cambodia, regarding Landmine Incidents of 16 July 2025, 23 July 2025, 9 August 2025 and 12 August 2025, for your perusal in accordance with Article 8, Paragraph 2, of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention.

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His Excellency Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations, NEW YORK. Thailand reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. Our primary objective remains to resolve this grave matter in a peaceful and constructive manner and to bring Cambodia back into full compliance with its obligations under the Convention. In parallel with the Article 8 process, Thailand will continue to engage with Cambodia through existing bilateral channels, including the General Border Committee (GBC) and Regional Border Committee (RBC) Meetings, with a view to preventing further incidents and tragic losses, and to achieving sustainable peace.

At the same time, Thailand is convinced that this issue transcends our two countries. The alleged use of anti-personnel mines by a State Party in violation of the Convention is a matter of profound concern to all States Parties. Such acts threaten the credibility and integrity of the Convention itself and undermines our collective commitment to the noble objective of the Convention – to achieve a mine-free world.

In this light, we respectfully reiterate our request for Your Excellency to take necessary steps to ensure that this matter receives clarification from Cambodia, in the interest of all States Parties and the Convention, and to prevent the recurrence of such incidents—to ensure that such inhumane weapons will never be used again.

Thailand also wishes to once again extend its sincere gratitude to you for your facilitation in addressing this matter. We trust that the clarification process will shed light on these incidents and further strengthen our shared commitment to uphold the humanitarian principles of the Convention.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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