

Statement by the H.E. Mr. Benjamin Sukanjanajtee,
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to the UN Office in Geneva, in exercising the right of reply at the General Debate
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Mr. Chair,

- Thailand wishes to exercise our right of reply in response to the statement made by Cambodia yesterday.
- It is regrettable that a humanitarian forum such as this, has been used by Cambodia to disseminate unfounded allegations against Thailand.
- Let us not forget how the conflict started. It was when Thai soldiers have lost their legs to newly-planted landmines and when Cambodian rockets struck Thai territory and killed innocent Thai lives.
- The conflict that followed brought immense suffering to the peoples, and hundreds of thousands of people being displaced on both sides.
- But when the **Cambodian delegation claimed that some 20,000 Cambodian displaced persons are “unable to return to their homes”**:
- Let us once again set the record straight: these so-called “homes” are in fact located in Thailand, in areas that in 1970s were used as temporary shelters for Cambodians fleeing the conflict in their own country.
- Their failure to return homes - despite our repeated protests - constitutes an encroachment on Thai territory. This historical fact has been well-documented and well-known to Cambodia.
- **On alleged occupation**, Thailand firmly rejects the allegation.
- Thailand is committed to the implementation of key de-escalation measures under the **Joint Statement made by General Border Committee on 27 December 2025**, where both sides agreed to maintain existing troop deployments at the time of the ceasefire, and not to undertake provocative actions that may escalate

tensions, as well as to reaffirm their international obligations, particularly humanitarian demining under Ottawa Convention.

- **Lastly, Thailand is fully committed to the ceasefire agreement** and wishes to move beyond this conflict and sincerely hopes that Cambodia will demonstrate the same in good faith.
- Thank you.
