

Right of Reply
by the Delegation of Thailand
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1. Mr, President - Thailand would like to exercise our right of reply in response to the statement made by Cambodia during the interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights Situation in Cambodia.
2. Let me reiterate once again that this conflict was **not initiated by Thailand, nor has it ever been in Thailand's interest.**
3. Cambodia continues to use international fora to spread misinformation and distort facts on the ground, while deflecting attention from its own violations and responsibilities.
4. Such repeated provocations **run counter to the agreed terms and spirit of the ceasefire**, which binds both sides to refrain from actions that escalate tensions.
5. **First point:** On Cambodia's assertion that the refugees from the 1970s have left Thailand following the closure of the camps.
6. Cambodia is well aware that, **in reality, a number of** Cambodians remained in these areas under Thai territory.
7. Over time, these **settlements continued to develop and expand in both size and population.** Despite Thailand's repeated protests, Cambodia took no corrective action against such **encroachment** into Thai territory.
8. During the conflict, the Cambodian military has also mobilized groups of civilians — including children and women — in these areas to further encroach into Thai territory and engage in provocative confrontations that further heighten tensions.
9. **Second point:** Thailand **rejects** the unfounded allegation that it has used the issue of online scams as a pretext for territorial encroachment.
10. Thailand's actions were taken in **response to armed attacks launched against Thai territory from the areas where scam compounds were located**, in the exercise of its legitimate right to self-defense and to protect its people.

11. In the course of securing these areas, evidences of industrial-scale scam compounds were subsequently uncovered and have since been independently documented and brought to international attention by numerous international media organizations.
12. **Third point:** Thailand **firmly rejects** allegations of occupation.
13. Under the ceasefire agreement, both sides **agreed to maintain existing troop** deployments at the time of the ceasefire and not conduct activities beyond their respective sides, **without prejudice to the demarcation process** under established bilateral mechanisms.
14. This agreement was intended to **preserve the prevailing situation on the ground and** prevent further escalation.
15. **All activities and provisional security measures undertaken by the Thai authorities are in line with the ceasefire agreement** and are intended to prevent further confrontation.
16. **Thailand is fully committed to the ceasefire agreement.** But enduring peace requires both sides to implement their commitments **in good faith and in their entirety**. These are not optional confidence-building exercises to be pursued when convenient.
17. Thailand hopes that Cambodia will sincerely implement relevant de-escalation measures under the ceasefire agreement to create a conducive atmosphere for trust and further discussions through relevant bilateral mechanisms.
18. I thank you.

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