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**Joint Press Release
of the Thailand – Cambodia Joint Boundary Commission
On the Occasion of the Joint Inspection at the Thai-Cambodia Border at
Ban Pa Rai Mai, Sa Keo Province, Thailand,
and Phum Prey Kup, O Chrov District, Banteay Meanchey Province, Cambodia**

In response to the request of the Royal Government of Cambodia, the Royal Thai Government agreed with the Royal Government of Cambodia's proposal to immediately dispatch a team of high-ranking members of the Thailand-Cambodia Joint Boundary Commission to meet and jointly inspect the Thai-Cambodian border at Ban Pa Rai Mai, Sa Keo Province in Thailand, and Phum Prey Kup, O Chrov District, Banteay Meanchey Province in Cambodia on 4 May 2004. The Thai Delegation was led by Dr. Viraphand Vacharathit, Director-General, Department of Treaties and Legal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, whereas the Cambodian Delegation was led by His Excellency Mr. Var Kim Hong, Adviser to the Royal Government of Cambodia in charge of State Border Affairs.

The Joint inspection and the subsequent meeting were held in a friendly and cordial atmosphere. Both sides took note of the fact that although the effective boundary in this area has already been delimited by the treaties and other historical documents regarding the joint survey and demarcation works of land boundary between France and Siam, the JBC has not yet started its field works in this particular area to find out the exact location of the boundary line. However, it was agreed that the settlement of this particular problem will be considered together with other boundary problems along the entire stretch of the common land boundary between Thailand and Cambodia. Nonetheless, in order to avoid any future incident similar to the one that took place in this particular border area while the survey and demarcation process is still unaccomplished, it was agreed that both countries must adhere strictly to the provision of Article 5 of the *Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia on the survey and Demarcation of Land Boundary signed in Phnom Penh on 14 June 2000 and the Concept Paper on Thailand-Cambodia Border Points of Entry: Ways toward New Order, Effective Border Management and Greater Bilateral Cooperation* which has been adopted by the Thailand-Cambodia Joint Cabinet Retreat held in Siam Reap and Ubon Rachatani on 31 May – 1 June 2003.

* Article 5 of the said Memorandum of Understanding stipulates: "To facilitate the effective survey along the entire stretch of the common land boundary, authorities of either Government and their agents shall not carry out any work resulting in charges of environment of the frontier zone, except that which is carried out by the Joint Technical Sub-Commission in the interest of the survey and demarcation."