STATEMENT

on the violence Arising from the Thai-Cambodia Border Dispute By

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The Thai National Group to the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Kingdom of Thailand, expresses its deepest concern and condemnation of the recent acts of violence committed by the Government of Cambodia along the shared border which affects the numbers of loss and injury of innocent civilians.

Thailand reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the Ottawa Convention and other relevant international obligations, including the Geneva Conventions and customary international humanitarian law, which categorically prohibit the use of anti-personnel mines and attacks against civilians and hospitals.

Thailand strongly asserts that it did not initiate the use of force or armed confrontation. Thailand has been subjected to unprovoked acts of aggression, threat to the peace, including the use of landmines, heavy weapons, and the indiscriminate targeting of number of innocent civilians by the Government of Cambodia. All necessary defensive actions have been taken strictly to protect its citizens and national security in accordance with international law. Thailand strongly hopes and calls for stopping violence by ceasing all hostile acts, fully comply with its international treaty obligations.

The Thai IPU National Group calls upon through the international community and Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) to express its deepest concern and to urge

the Government of Cambodia to maintain peace as well as security along the border of Thai-Cambodia. The Thai IPU National Group would like to highlight that the safety of the civilians especially women and children and public infrastructure should be secure.

Thailand reserves the right to take all necessary and proportionate measures in self-defence to protect its people and territorial integrity, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, while remaining open to peaceful dialogue and bilateral negotiation.

The Thai IPU National Group urges the international community, including the United Nations, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and States Parties to the Ottawa Convention, to closely monitor this situation and to hold accountable any party that violates fundamental principles of international law.

The Thai IPU National Group reiterates Thailand's steadfast dedication to regional peace and security, the peaceful settlement of disputes, and the rule of law under the framework of the United Nations and ASEAN. Thailand stands for the long-lasting relationship of the people of both countries and maintain the constructive parliamentary diplomacy between the parliaments of the two countries.