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Madam President,

The point that the Cambodian delegation has just raised is precisely why Thailand has proposed the use of **good offices of the UN Secretary-General**, with a view to establish **an independent fact-finding mission**.

If Cambodia is acting in *good faith*, and transparent enough, it should agree to our proposal, which has one single purpose: to establish **FACT** behind those incidents.

Thailand has been transparent throughout the Article 8 process. We have facilitated the visits to the incident sites by third parties, including **the International Campaign to Ban Landmine (ICBL)** and the **ASEAN Observer Team-Thailand**.

The ASEAN Observer Team, established under the bilateral mechanism as agreed by Thailand and Cambodia, led by the Malaysian Defence Attaché, with representatives from Singapore and Brunei, visited the incident sites. The ASEAN Observer Team conducted verification process, and concluded in their **report**, as follows:

“..The task was to verify the use of landmines that caused the injuries to the Thai soldiers was **freshly laid or was laid in past as the RCA [Royal Cambodian Armed Forces] has claimed**. From observations and briefings received, throughout the Thai-Cambodian border conflict, **it can be concluded that every incident that has occurred related to the PMN-2 Anti-personnel Landmine was freshly planted.**”

Thank you, Madam President.
