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Statement of the Royal Government of Cambodia

Acting on the request of the Royal Government of Cambodia for provisional measures prior to the interpretation of the Judgment of 15 June 1962 in the Case concerning the Temple of Preah Vihear, the International Court of Justice on 18 July 2011 in the following:

- A. The Court unanimously rejected the Kingdom of Thailand's request for the use of force authorized by Cambodia on 21 April 2011 to be removed from the General List.
- B. The Court decided:
  - 1. By fifteen votes to five, that Thailand shall immediately withdraw that military personnel currently present in the provisional demilitarized zone, as defined in paragraph 62 of the present Order, and refrain from any military presence within that zone and from any armed activity (ground or air) there.
  - 2. By fifteen votes to one, that Thailand shall not obstruct Cambodia's free access to the Temple of Preah Vihear or Cambodia's provision of food supplies to its non-military personnel in the Temple.
  - 3. By fifteen votes to one, that both Parties shall continue the co-operation which they have entered into within ASEAN and, in particular, allow the observers appointed by that organization to have access to the provisional demilitarized zone and
  - 4. By fifteen votes to one, that both Parties shall refrain from any action which might aggravate or extend the dispute before the Court or make it more difficult to resolve.
- C. By fifteen votes to one, that the Court shall inform the Parties to its compliance with the above provisional measures.
- D. By fifteen votes to one, that the Court has rendered its judgment on the request for interpretation, it shall remain seized of the matter which forms the subject of this Order.

The Royal Government of Cambodia fully supports the Order of the International Court of Justice, which is completely responsive to the request of Cambodia that visits occur in the area of the Temple of Preah Vihear, the observers to be stationed in the provisional demilitarized zone and the continuation of ground activities.

The Royal Government of Cambodia hopes that the Thai Royal Government will accept and comply with the above-mentioned correct decisions of the International Court of Justice.

The Royal Government of Cambodia calls for the Indonesian observers, as agreed by all ten ASEAN members and in pursuance of the decision of the International Court of Justice, to carry out their mission as soon as possible in the provisional demilitarized zone. Cambodia is ready to welcome and provide facilities necessary for the mission of these observers.

The Royal Government of Cambodia expresses its sincere thanks and high appreciation to the Cambodian delegates led by His Excellency Heng Namthong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, for their strenuous efforts and brilliant success brought to the Cambodian nation.

Phnom Penh, 18 July 2011