



MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

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Mr. President,

As Your Excellency would no doubt be aware, on 22 April and 23 April 2011 fresh rounds of armed clashes have taken place between the Armed Forces of Cambodia and Thailand at the border area of the two countries.

While the exact circumstances of this latest military incidents are yet to be fully ascertained, their occurrence is a source of deep and profound concern, as well, indeed, of profound disappointment.

For these armed clashes have disrupted the encouraging trends in the peaceful resolution of the dispute between the two countries, since the Security Council deliberated on the issue on 14 February 2011. With the support and encouragement extended by the Security Council at the aforementioned meeting, Cambodia and Thailand, as well as Indonesia, as Chair of ASEAN, and indeed, the entire ASEAN family of nations, have sought to promote and sustain a diplomatic, and peaceful solution to the issues currently being faced by Cambodia and Thailand.

The Statement of the Chairmen of ASEAN, issued at the end of the Informal Meeting of the ASEAN Foreign Ministers in Jakarta on 21 February 2011, provided a roadmap for a peaceful and diplomatic solution. As current Chair of ASEAN, Indonesia has made concerted efforts to ensure the continued avoidance of armed conflict, as well as the resumption of the diplomatic negotiations between the two sides. Until the resumption of armed clashes on 22-23 April 2011, we have been able to point to notable progress. Even as tensions have still been high, although it must be emphasized that the already agreed Agreement Observer Team is yet to be assigned. Despite negotiations between the two sides have resumed, through the meeting of the JSC in Singapore, Indonesia, on 7-8 April 2011.

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