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**STATEMENT OF CAMBODIA ON REQUEST UNDER ARTICLE 8**  
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**Madame President, Esteemed Delegates,**

Cambodia appreciates the opportunity to address this matter.

Allow me to begin with a sincere question to this prestigious Assembly:

*In the history of this Convention, which country has ever launched a military attack against its neighbor over unverified landmine incidents?*

Regrettably, this is precisely what Cambodia has endured.

In recent months, Cambodia has suffered from military action by the armed forces of its neighbor, Thailand, over unverified and unsubstantiated landmine allegations. Even more concerning is that – to this day – Cambodia remains concerned about potential for increased provocation from Thailand that is predicated on baseless allegations that have never been subject to an impartial, independent, or legally grounded investigation.

Unsubstantiated claims of this nature do not serve peace. They erode mutual trust, and they reflect a departure from the principles of integrity, fairness, and good neighborliness that should guide all States Parties.

**Madame President,**

Let us return to the spirit that built this Convention: Partnership, Dialogue, and a Shared Commitment to protect lives, restore peace, and build a safer world for future generations. It is, however, disappointing that Thailand has attempted to bypass Article 8.1 and leap directly to Article 8.2. Let us recall that Article 8.2 is meant to be invoked *only after* constructive dialogue efforts under 8.1 have been fully exhausted.

This shortcut demonstrates neither good faith nor honesty. It is not cooperation; it is confrontation—and confrontation will never resolve this issue peacefully.

**Madame President,**

Cambodia regrets that this issue has reached this respected Assembly. It should have been addressed through peaceful dialogue and the established mechanisms between two neighbors with centuries of shared history. Cambodia does not wish to see this respected forum transformed into a tribunal, nor a platform for political confrontation. It must remain a place where States Parties work in good faith, with sincerity and mutual respect, to resolve differences through peaceful and constructive dialogue.

**Madame President,**

Cambodia has suffered profoundly from landmines. Our commitment to the Convention is absolute: We have not laid anti-personnel mines since joining the Convention, and we will never do so. Our record—recognized globally—demonstrates consistent humanitarian leadership, extensive clearance operations, and support to other affected States. Our humanitarian leadership is acknowledged worldwide. No politically motivated narrative can change these facts.

We express sympathy for all those injured in recent incidents, but sympathy must not replace truth. Cambodia will defend its integrity and calls for adherence to evidence-based, cooperative investigation mechanisms.

Let us therefore work together to find the truth. Let us uphold the cooperative spirit of this Convention. Let us choose constructive dialogue over confrontation. Let us ensure peace and stability for our peoples, now and for generations to come.

Cambodia and Thailand have been neighbors for centuries, and we will remain neighbors for centuries ahead.

It is said that family members can be separated, but neighbors never – So let us love our neighbors as ourselves.

Thank you, Madame President.