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**Statement of the Spokesperson of
the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation**

Responding to media inquiries regarding the appointment of the Chairperson of the Conciliation Commission under UNCLOS to address Cambodia-Thailand maritime differences, the spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation confirms the following:

The four independent Conciliators have proposed spending additional time to carefully consider who should be appointed Chairperson of the Conciliation Commission. Cambodia and Thailand have both agreed to this course.

The additional time requested by the Conciliators to consider the Chairperson's appointment is modest and entirely appropriate given the significance of the appointment and the proceedings as a whole. It will have no effect on any prescribed timeline or procedural step under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

This is a reflection of the rigorous process being undertaken by the Conciliators. We extend our thanks for their diligence, and express our continued confidence in the process.

Cambodia looks forward to advancing this peaceful route to resolving our maritime differences with Thailand based on international law.



Phnom Penh, 19 July 2026