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Statement

by

**the Chairman of the Commission on Foreign Affairs, International
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the Commission**

The Cambodian Senate Commission on Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Information firmly rejects the baseless allegations made by the Thai Senate Advisory Commission on Foreign Affairs and reaffirms Cambodia's unassailable sovereignty over its territory as legally anchored by historical international treaties.

As Chairman of the Commission on Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Information, I categorically dismiss the statement by Senator Nophadol In-na, Chairman of the Thai Senate Advisory Commission on Foreign Affairs, on 2 September 2026. Thailand's ongoing forward deployments and aerial incursions constitute a direct violation of international law, the United Nations Charter, and established bilateral protocols.

The Cambodian Senate Commission refutes the Thai Senate Advisory Commission's claims by providing the following definitive legal and historical points:

1. Refuting the Legality of Territorial Occupation via "Ceasefire"

- **Ceasefires Do Not Grant Sovereignty:** The Thai Senate Advisory Commission inappropriately cited the Joint Statement of the 3rd Special Session of the General Border Committee (GBC) dated 27 December 2025, to justify Thailand's current

troop positions. As a matter of fact, a temporary ceasefire framework cannot be selectively exploited to legitimize an unlawful military occupation, create new territorial rights, or consolidate a unilateral *fait accompli* on the ground.

- Thailand's Violation of Bilateral Frameworks: Boundary lines in disputed or unsurveyed zones must be settled strictly through established bilateral treaties and peaceful diplomatic mechanisms, not by maintaining forward military aggression.

2. Deconstructing the "Fired First" and Civilian Target Narrative

- Thailand's Unprovoked Aggression and Propaganda: Thailand keeps making the unsubstantiated claim that Cambodia initiated the 2025 border skirmishes in order to conceal its own acts of unprovoked and continuous aggression. Furthermore, Thailand has used transnational crime and "online scams" as a geopolitical pretext to deploy military force, violate Cambodia's airspace, and encroach upon its sovereign territory.
- Cambodia's Call for Independent Verification: Cambodia holds a steadfast commitment to international humanitarian law. Rather than accepting Thailand's unilateral and unsubstantiated claims as both claimant and judge, Cambodia calls for an independent, internationally verified forensic assessment to expose which side fired first and targeted civilian communities.

3. Reversing the Historical Fabrications Regarding Displaced Civilians

- Legitimate Status vs. Cruel Rhetoric: The Thai Senate Advisory Commission's attempt to brand more than 20,000 displaced Cambodian civilians, who are by definition actually internally displaced persons (IDPs), as "encroachers" by misusing data from the 1979 UNBRO refugee wave is a severe distortion of historical facts.
- The Right to Return: These civilians are individuals uprooted by recent, localized border instabilities resulting directly from Thai military maneuvers. Under international law, they maintain an unassailable right to return safely and with dignity to their lands and homes, many of which were destroyed by Thailand's military attacks. Thailand must immediately cease its predatory "salami-slicing strategy"—which seeks to incrementally seize Cambodian land through unauthorized patrols and forced civilian displacement—and pull its troops back.

4. Protecting the Sovereign Right to Parliamentary Diplomacy

- **Accountability Over Forced Silence:** Thailand insists that Cambodia remain silent and avoid "internationalizing" this bilateral dispute. However, utilizing regional and international parliamentary forums is a peaceful, transparent, and legitimate diplomatic mechanism. It is our duty to inform the international community of the facts on the ground.
- **Actions Must Match Words:** Genuine bilateral trust cannot be built by words alone while one side selectively interprets frameworks, obstructs impartial procedures, and escalates tensions on the ground. Lasting peace can only be achieved when Thailand matches its calls for dialogue with an absolute respect for international law and the historical boundaries inherited under the Franco-Siamese Convention of 1904 and the Franco-Siamese Treaty of 1907.

Cambodia remains deeply committed to peaceful dispute settlement and regional stability. However, diplomacy must be rooted in mutual trust, transparency, and absolute respect for established treaties. It is our duty to ensure that international parliamentary bodies receive an accurate, legally grounded account of these developments to prevent misinformation from clouding the path toward a just and lasting bilateral solution and peace.

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