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UNCLOS Conciliation Commission to Convene Third Meeting with Cambodia and Thailand in Kuala Lumpur from 24 – 27 November 2026

The Permanent Court of Arbitration has today announced that from 24 to 27 November 2026, the Conciliation Commission constituted under Annex V to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) will hold its third meeting with Cambodia and Thailand in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

This marks another positive step in the peaceful process initiated by Cambodia to resolve the two countries' maritime differences. Building on the momentum from previous meetings, the Commission and the Parties will advance discussions on the delimitation of the maritime boundary, with a particular focus on its technical aspects. The session will also provide an opportunity to identify further areas of common understanding and agreement.

The Cambodian delegation will be led by its Agent, **H.E. PRAK Sokhonn**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, its Chief Negotiator, **H.E. Koeut Rith**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice, and its Deputy Agent, **H.E. Lam Chea**, Minister in charge of the State Secretariat of Border Affairs, accompanied by the Cambodian delegation and legal team.

Through these proceedings, Cambodia's objective is to conclude a treaty with Thailand delimiting a single, all-purpose maritime boundary between the two States, or an agreement for the joint development and equitable sharing of resources pending final agreement on their maritime boundary.

If neither of these options are achieved, Cambodia would then request the Commission to prepare recommendations that could serve as the basis for future negotiations, in accordance with both countries' obligations under UNCLOS.

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Cambodia once again expresses its appreciation to the Chairperson and to the distinguished members of the Commission for their considered approach and reiterates its firm commitment to the confidence-building measures agreed at the last meeting in The Hague in October 2026.

Cambodia will participate in the meeting in Kuala Lumpur in a spirit of good faith, cooperation and mutual respect, and looks forward to working with the Commission and with the Kingdom of Thailand towards a fair and lasting outcome.

Phnom Penh, 18 November 2026