ICAPP Statement on the Situation on the Border between Cambodia and Thailand
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The Standing Committee of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP), the most representative body representing the ruling, opposition and independent parties, at its meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on May 5, 2011, expresses its serious concerns on the situation that has arisen on the border between Cambodia and Thailand, particularly the recent clashes, including large-scale artillery operations, the use of cluster ammunitions and ground assaults. The ICAPP Standing Committee endorses the statement of the United Nations Secretary General, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, urging both countries to take "immediate measures for an effective and verifiable ceasefire". The ICAPP urges the parties to establish a permanent ceasefire and resolve the situation peacefully through effective political dialogue.

The ICAPP Standing Committee welcomes the initiative of ASEAN, through its Chairman, Indonesia, for organizing a dialogue between Cambodia and Thailand. As peace-loving members of the international community, the ICAPP, voicing the sentiments of the Asian people, rejects as unacceptable the use of force and sincerely hopes that peace will prevail through dialogue and effective negotiation.

In this regard, the ICAPP Standing Committee expresses its willingness to play any role, that is desirable by both parties, to defuse the situation and to help ensure the return of normalcy on the border between Cambodia and Thailand. We also urge both sides to respect all international treaties and covenants under international law and the United Nations Charter. We ask the ASEAN leaders who will meet in Jakarta on May 7-8, 2011, in the ASEAN Summit to do their utmost to put the process in place for an effective and verifiable ceasefire, with the introduction of the ASEAN-designated Indonesian military observers.

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