

Statement of the Youth of the Centrist Democrat International (YCDI)

Regarding the Border Armed Conflict Between Cambodia and Thailand

1. We, Youth of the Centrist Democrat International (YCDI), in upholding the democratic value of the IDC-CDI and the principles and purposes of the United Nations and ASEAN Charters, are closely following the developments in the Cambodian-Thai border conflict. We welcome the peace proposal of President Donald J. Trump and the ceasefire agreement reached on 28 July 2025 at the Special Meeting chaired by Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim of Malaysia in Putrajaya, Malaysia, and the Extraordinary General Border Committee (GBC) Meeting on 7 August 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

2. We support the pivotal roles of the ASEAN and the international community, including major global and regional powers in building such crucial steps toward ending armed hostilities, preventing further escalations, destructions and losses of lives, and restoring peace and stability in the region.

3. We commend Cambodia's constructive role in fully implementing the ceasefire agreement and engaging in good-faith and peaceful dialogues, including in the meetings of GBC, Regional Border Committee and Joint Border Committee between Cambodia and Thailand. Cambodia is steadfast in upholding the international law, the ASEAN Centrality, and the spirit of good neighborliness and of being a responsible member of the United Nations.

4. We deplore the devastations made on civilian populations, particularly children, youth, women, and the elderly living within and along the affected border areas. We thus call for immediate humanitarian interventions to ensure their inalienable right to education, food, shelter, medical care, and protection from further deprivations and risks, including the danger of Unexploded Ordnances (UXO) and cluster bombs, and guaranteeing them of opportunities for living in safety and dignity and growth, development, and a sustainable future.

5. We urge both Cambodia and Thailand to take all necessary measures to ensure that all military and civilian personnel strictly adhere to the ceasefire, uphold their obligations under international law, exercise maximum restraint, and pursue the peaceful resolution of disputes in accordance with the UN Charter and the ASEAN Charter. We urge the immediate establishment of the ASEAN Observer Team (AOT), comprising representatives of ASEAN member states, as a vital mechanism to monitor compliance with the ceasefire, build confidence between the parties, and facilitate the safe and dignified return of the displaced civilians.

6. YCDI reaffirms its commitment to defending human rights, safeguarding cultural heritage, supporting peaceful dispute resolution, while promoting the vision of "building a world community" of peace, cooperation, friendship, harmony, and shared prosperity in full respect for international law.

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