

**Statement by the President of the National Assembly of the
Kingdom of Thailand
at
the General Debate of the 151st Inter-Parliamentary Union
(IPU) Assembly on the theme:
“Upholding humanitarian norms and supporting
humanitarian action in times of crisis”**

Mr. President, Distinguished Members of Parliament,

On behalf of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Thailand, I wish to commend the Inter-Parliamentary Union for convening this important debate at such a critical juncture in our world – a world confronting escalating crises marked by violence, conflicts, and complex challenges that no single nation can address alone.

Distinguished Delegates,

In the past year alone, there have been over 120 armed conflicts across the globe, resulting in 122 million displaced persons and more than 310 million people in need of humanitarian assistance. Women and girls have been disproportionately affected by

gender inequality, including preventable maternal deaths and food insecurity.

These alarming figures are a stark reminder of our collective duty to strengthen multilateralism and to uphold international humanitarian law.

The IPU's choice of this year's theme – “Upholding humanitarian norms and supporting humanitarian action in times of crisis” – is therefore both timely and relevant, particularly in light of the situation currently faced by Thailand, where Thai hospitals, schools, and civilian communities have come under attack, tragically causing the loss of innocent lives, including children.

Mr. President, Distinguished Members,

Thailand firmly upholds the principles of international humanitarian law and faithfully observes our obligations under more than a dozen international treaties and conventions, including the 1949 Geneva Conventions, the Ottawa Convention on the Prohibition of Anti-Personnel Mines, the Conventions on Chemical and Biological Weapons, as well as the UNESCO instruments for the protection of cultural heritage during armed conflict.

These are not merely legal obligations, but rather a shared moral commitment of humankind to safeguard the innocent and to advance peace and humanity.

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues,

I shall refrain from disrupting the friendly atmosphere among IPU Member Parliaments by using this Assembly – a forum of the legislative branch – to elaborate or to respond to specific issues concerning the situation between Thailand and Cambodia, which bears humanitarian implications.

All relevant facts speak for themselves.

Thailand remains committed to preserving the long-standing spirit of friendship and mutual respect among IPU members.

Nonetheless, I wish to express appreciation to all parties who have worked towards the de-escalation of tensions between Thailand and Cambodia.

Violence brings no benefit to our peoples – only suffering, loss, and deep scars that endure across generations.

We must instead turn towards reconciliation.

The Thai Parliament reaffirms its steadfast adherence to the principles of the United Nations, international law, international humanitarian law, and the principles of ASEAN. Thailand continues to support peaceful and bilateral means in resolving disputes and has no desire to become an adversary to any side.

We firmly believe that the IPU – as a union of parliaments representing the peoples of the world – provides a constructive platform for dialogue, trust-building, and lasting solutions that serve the interests of our citizens.

The Thai National Assembly welcomes the outcome of the recent General Border Committee or GBC meeting, under which the ceasefire and the incursions into the sovereignty of both countries will be brought to an end. This further welcomes the withdrawal of heavy weapons from the disputed area, the joint demining efforts, and the measures to address cross-border scam operations.

Thailand is deeply concerned about violations of the ceasefire agreement and incursions into Thai sovereign territory, which may create misunderstandings regarding the actual boundaries.

We also oppose the militarization of World Heritage sites, which violates UNESCO rules and threatens both peace and our shared cultural heritage.

Equally alarming are actions involving the use of human shields, including women and children, in border incursions – acts that contravene both humanity and international norms.

Distinguished Delegates,

In addition, the growing menace of call-center and online scamming syndicates has caused immense harm to people across our region and around the world.

Thailand has therefore submitted a draft resolution on “Strengthening the Role of Parliaments in Combating Transnational Cybercrime while Upholding Humanitarian Principles”. I humbly urge all Member Parliaments to support this draft resolution – for the benefit of our peoples everywhere.

I also wish to express appreciation in advance to the ASEAN+3 Group, the Asia-Pacific Geopolitical Group, and all regional parliamentary groups for their valuable support of Thailand’s proposed emergency item.

We sincerely hope that all Member Parliaments will vote in favor of this initiative, which addresses a global concern and calls for stronger parliamentary cooperation in mitigating such crimes.

As President of the National Assembly of a peace-loving nation, I emphasize that parliaments play a vital role in reinforcing multilateralism, promoting cooperation, transforming humanitarian principles into national laws and policies, and ensuring that governments’ actions remain consistent with international obligations.

Parliaments are, at their core, forums of dialogue, compassion, and protection for the most vulnerable.

Distinguished Colleagues,

In conclusion, Thailand stands ready to work hand in hand with all parliaments worldwide to safeguard humanitarian norms, strengthen humanitarian action in times of crisis, and build enduring bridges of peace for all humankind.

Thank you very much.
