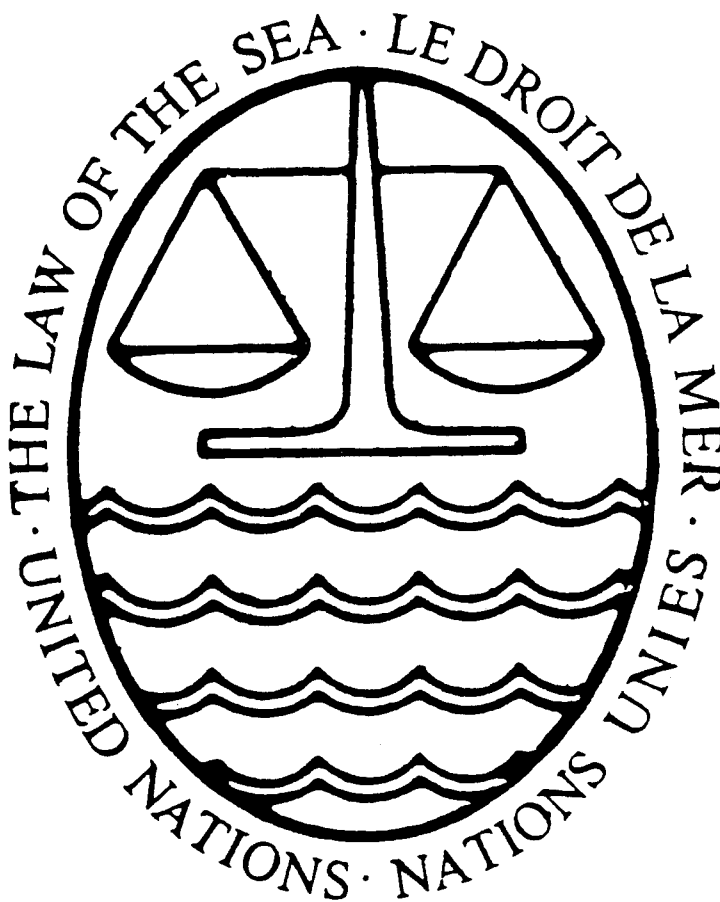


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3. STATEMENT BY THAILAND

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The Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations sent to the Secretary-General of the United Nations a note dated 9 December 1985, which reads as follows:

Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand on the Vietnamese claims concerning the so-called historical waters and the drawing of baselines

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand refers to the following transaction and statements:

- (1) The so-called "Agreement of 7 July 1982 between the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Government of the People's Republic of Kampuchea on the historical waters of Viet Nam and Kampuchea", which was announced on 8 July 1982 through the Viet Nam News Agency in Hanoi;
- (2) The statement of 12 November 1982 by the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on the territorial sea baseline of Viet Nam, which was circulated as an official document of the General Assembly (A/37/697, dated 6 December 1982);*
- (3) The statement of 5 June 1984 by the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on the airspace of Viet Nam, which was circulated as an official document of the General Assembly (A/39/309, dated 21 June 1984).

The Government of Thailand has carefully examined the claims thus asserted in the above-mentioned agreement and statements, and wishes to state its positions with respect thereto as follows:

Regarding the claims to the so-called "historical waters", which purport to appropriate and subject certain sea areas in the Gulf of Thailand and in the Gulf of Tonkin (Gulf of Bac Bo) to the régime of internal waters, the Government of Thailand is of the view that such claims cannot be justified on the basis of the applicable principles and rules of international law.

Regarding the statement defining the baselines for measuring the breadth of the territorial sea and other maritime zones of Viet Nam, the Government of Thailand considers that the drawing of the baselines of Viet Nam's territorial sea between points 0 and A7 is at variance with the well-established rules of international law, as codified in article 4 of the Convention on the Territorial

* For the text of the statement, see Bulletin No. 1, pp. 74-75.