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Let me start by saying that Cambodia deeply regrets the injuries and suffering caused to the two Thai soldiers on 06 October, 2008. We know all too well the impact the landmines have on people living all along the border area, with more than two hundred Cambodian casualties within that same region.

We welcome your hard work and good offices to facilitate a cooperative approach to resolving the issue raised regarding compliance with the Convention. Once our internal investigation is completed and shared with Thailand, and they have provided clarification on the questions posed to them by Cambodia, we look forward to sitting down together to work through the information from both sides to get to the bottom of this matter.

Finally, Mr President, I would like to take this final opportunity to thank you and your team for your tireless efforts ^{on this and all other matters} during this week, including the Executive Secretary Mr Tim Coughley, the Director of the Implementation Support Unit Mr Kerry Brinkert, the Chair of the Analyzing Committee HRH Prince Mirid, and all of my fellow co-chairs and rapporteurs of the various standing committees. Their work, under your leadership, has contributed to a very successful week.

I wish you all the best in your role this year and reiterate that Cambodia remains committed to be a strong and vocal State Party to this important Convention.

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