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STR237-05 YOUR EXCELLENCY I WISH TO REFER TO THE URGENT QUESTION OF REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS FROM INDOCHINA DURING MY RECENT MISSION TO SOUTH EAST ASIA THE LEADERS OF THESE COUNTRIES RAISED THIS QUESTION THE ACUTE HUMANITARIAN PROBLEM

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POSED BY THE LARGE OUTFLOW OF PEOPLE UPROOTED FROM INDOCHINA IS A SOURCE OF THE MOST SERIOUS CONCERN TO GOVERNMENTS AND TO THE UNITED NATIONS THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS FROM INDOCHINA IN SOUTH EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES OF FIRST ASYLUM HAS BEEN INCREASING SINCE 1975 AND HAS DRAMATICALLY

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EVEN HIGHER NUMBER WILL BE ADDED THIS MONTH TO THE QUARTER OF A  
MILLION PRESENTLY IN CAMPS AWAITING RESETTLEMENT PLACES ALTHOUGH  
MUCH HAS BEEN DONE TO HELP ALLEVIATE HUMAN SUFFERING IN THE  
AREA AND TO FIND LASTING SOLUTIONS THIS PROBLEM HAS NOW REACHED  
CRISIS PROPORTIONS WITHIN THE UNITED NATION'S SYSTEM

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THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR HUMANITARIAN ACTION IN RESPONSE TO  
REFUGEE PROBLEMS AROUND THE WORLD LIES WITH THE HIGH COMMISSIONER  
FOR REFUGEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS MANDATE THE OFFICE OF  
THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES HAS MADE EVERY  
EFFORT TO PROTECT AND ASSIST THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT AND CONTINUE

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TO LEAVE INDOCHINA THE CORNER-STONE OF UNHCR'S WORK IS THE  
INTERNATIONALLY-ACCEPTED HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLE OF ASYLUM WITHOUT A  
GENEROUS POLICY OF AT LEAST TEMPORARY ASYLUM THERE CAN BE NO BASIS  
FOR HUMANITARIAN ACTION THE COUNTRIES OF SOUTH EAST ASIA ALREADY  
BEAR A HEAVY BURDEN AS RESULT OF THE OUTFLOW FROM

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INDOCHINA THEY SHARE WITH SO MANY OTHER COUNTRIES THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE ALARMING INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF THE WORLD'S REFUGEES - TODAY MORE THAN 10 MILLION I WOULD HOWEVER APPEAL TO THEM AS I DID DURING MY MISSION TO THE REGION THAT THEY CONTINUE TO GRANT ASYLUM THOSE WHO

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ARRIVE SHOULD NOT BE TURNED AWAY ONCE ASYLUM IS GRANTED LASTING HUMANITARIAN SOLUTIONS MUST BE FOUND THESE SOLUTIONS ARE POSSIBLE ONLY IF GOVERNMENTS MAKE EVERY EFFORT BOTH SINGLY AND JOINTLY TO SEE HOW THEY CAN BEST CONTRIBUTE AND IF THEY TRANSLATE GOOD INTENTIONS INTO ACTION SINCE THE AUTUMN OF LAST

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YEAR THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERMANENT SETTLEMENT AND THE NUMBER OF SUCH OPPORTUNITIES HAVE DOUBLED AT

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PRESENT COUNTRIES HAVE OFFERED 108,000 RESETTLEMENT PLACES OUTSIDE  
SOUTH EAST ASIA AND THIS NUMBER IS LIKELY TO SURPASS 120,000 SOON  
HOWEVER THE ESCALATING INFLUX DEMONSTRATES DRAMATICALLY THE  
NECESSITY FOR ADDITIONAL RESETTLEMENT

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OFFERS AND I WOULD THEREFORE URGE THAT SUCH OFFERS BE INCREASED OVER  
AND ABOVE THOSE ALREADY ANNOUNCED TO MATCH THIS ACUTE AND GROWING  
NEED DURING MY RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN HANOI THE VIETNAMESE  
AUTHORITIES

REITERATED THEIR DECISION TO PERMIT ORDERLY DEPARTURES SUCH AN  
ARRANGEMENT WOULD COVER FAMILY REUNION CASES AND ALSO

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TAKE INTO ACCOUNT OTHER HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS PROVIDED ENTRY  
VISAS HAVE BEEN GRANTED BY THE COUNTRIES OF NEW RESIDENCE ANOTHER  
RECENT DEVELOPMENT WAS LAST WEEK'S MEETING OF GOVERNMENTS IN  
DJAKARTA

TO DISCUSS THE ASEAN PROPOSAL FOR PROCESSING CENTRES TO BE  
ESTABLISHED IN THE REGION SUCH CENTRES WOULD SERVE TO ACCOMMODATE  
THOSE

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FOR WHOM RESETTLEMENT COMMITMENTS EXIST BUT WHO FACE A LONG WAIT  
BEFORE THEY CAN MOVE TO PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT COUNTRIES THE FIRST  
SUCH CENTRE IS EXPECTED TO BE ESTABLISHED ON THE INDONESIAN ISLAND  
OF GALANG: A FURTHER SITE HAS BEEN OFFERED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
PHILIPPINES HOWEVER ORDERLY DEPARTURES FROM

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PER SE SOLVE THE REFUGEE CRISIS IN SOUTH EAST ASIA UNFAILING  
COMMITMENT AND EFFORTS BY COUNTRIES IN AND OUTSIDE THE REGION  
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PRIORITY TO MEASURES WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO MEET THIS  
HUMANITARIAN CRISIS I CALL ON THEM IN THE MOST URGENT TERMS  
TO INCREASE THEIR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OFFICE  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES AND TO  
JOINT IN THE SEARCH FOR LASTING SOLUTIONS BY MAKING AVAILABLE  
INCREASED NUMBERS

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OF RESETTLEMENT PLACES TO ENABLE THOSE WAITING IN THE  
CAMPS OF SOUTH EAST ASIA TO BEGIN A NEW PRODUCTIVE LIFE  
PLEASE ACCEPT YOUR EXCELLENCY THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST  
CONSIDERATION

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