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Dear Mary

Thank you for your email of 2 May relating to the reported use of cluster munitions by Thai forces during the recent border conflict between Thailand and Cambodia. Thank you also for attaching the letter that the Aotearoa New Zealand Cluster Munitions Coalition had addressed to the Thai Ambassador to New Zealand, H.E Noppadon Theppitak on this matter.

In your email you asked that New Zealand consider potential measures to engage Thailand in response to the reported use of cluster munitions by Thai military personnel. I am pleased to inform you that on 21 April New Zealand participated in a joint demarche led by Norway, with Switzerland and Austria, on the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This demarche provided a useful vehicle for New Zealand to register our concern about the reported use of cluster munitions by Thailand, and to urge Thailand to sign and ratify the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

Yours sincerely

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