

**STATEMENT ON SOUTH-EAST ASIA FLOODS
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(New York: 15 October, 2011): I am extremely concerned by the rising impact of storms and flooding on millions of people across South-East Asia. More than 700 people have been killed in Cambodia and Thailand, while homes, crops and vital infrastructure have been destroyed there and in Lao PDR, the Philippines, and Viet Nam. Millions of people living in low-lying areas are vulnerable. The situation is expected to worsen as river levels continue to rise and more heavy rain is forecast.

I commend the action taken by national governments and emergency responders, which has saved many lives. The United Nations and partners stand ready to support those national-led responses where necessary.

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