



PRIME MINISTER

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Mr. Hayden and I today called in the Thai Ambassador designate and the Indonesian Ambassador. We discussed my forthcoming visit to Thailand in the light of remarks made following the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in Jakarta on 7 November. We expressed our concern at the implications of remarks made by the Singaporean Foreign Minister, Mr. Dhanabalan, concerning Australian policy towards Cambodia.

Mr. Hayden and I took the opportunity to correct any continuing misunderstandings over Australia's policy. I am looking forward to a constructive discussion on the Cambodian situation while in Bangkok.

The Department of Foreign Affairs will be officially expressing our concern to Singapore over Mr. Dhanabalan's remarks.