



UNITED NATIONS
GENERAL
ASSEMBLY



Distr.
GENERAL

A/35/189
29 April 1980
ENGLISH
ORIGINAL: FRENCH

Thirty-fifth session
Item 22 of the preliminary list*

THE SITUATION IN KAMPUCHEA

Letter dated 28 April 1980 from the Permanent Representative
of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-
General

I have the honour to transmit herewith, at the request of His Excellency Mr. Hun Sen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, the message addressed to you by him on 26 April 1980 and to request that you kindly arrange for this letter and this message to be issued as an official document of the General Assembly under item 22 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) HA VAN LAU
Permanent Representative of the
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the
United Nations

* A/35/50.

ANNEX

Message dated 26 April 1980 from the Minister for Foreign
Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea addressed
to the Secretary-General

We have learned that the ASEAN countries have just submitted to the Economic and Social Council a request for the convening of an international conference, in May 1980, for emergency humanitarian assistance to the Kampuchean people (E/1980/58).

In this connexion we deem it necessary to provide the following clarifications concerning the position of the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea:

1. The People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea has, thus far, received and promptly distributed the assistance provided by the international community which, combined with that received from the socialist countries, has helped to contain the famine left by the genocidal Pol Pot-Ieng Sary régime.

Thanks to the immense efforts made and the various measures taken by the People's Revolutionary Council, operations for the reception and distribution of humanitarian assistance are now going well and showing encouraging results. World public opinion in general has shown increasing approval of the efforts and achievements of the People's Revolutionary Council. The representatives of international humanitarian assistance organizations in Phnom Penh, and particularly the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Robert Jackson, who has just been in Kampuchea, have also recognized the above-mentioned developments.

In view of the foregoing, the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea does not deem it necessary to convene a conference of the kind proposed by the ASEAN countries to discuss emergency assistance to the Kampuchean people. The ASEAN countries, if they really wish to come to the aid of the Kampuchean people for humanitarian reasons, can do so by contributing to the emergency assistance programme which has been organized up to now by international humanitarian bodies of the United Nations in Kampuchea.

2. The problem of the reception and distribution of emergency assistance is a matter coming within the competence and under the sovereignty of the People's Republic of Kampuchea.

The People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea severely condemns the perfidious manoeuvres of the ASEAN countries designed to use humanitarian assistance for the purpose of interfering in the domestic affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea and of furthering their political aims.

/...

A/35/189

English

Annex

Page 2

3. The People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea, which is the sole authentic and legal representative of the Kampuchean people, manages all the country's internal and external affairs. Any problem pertaining to Kampuchea raised at the international level must be discussed with the People's Revolutionary Council of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, and any resolution or motion concerning Kampuchea adopted without the participation and agreement of the representative of the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea will be considered null and void.

HUN SEN

Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the People's Republic of Kampuchea
