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THE SITUATION IN KAMPUCHEA

Letter dated 12 May 1980 from the Permanent Representative
of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a release by the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva, dated 5 May 1980:

"Alleged use of poison gas in Kampuchea: test results

"In mid-March 1980, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) received from its delegation in Bangkok some specimens taken, at the Khmer-Thai frontier, from patients suspected of having been the victims of poison gas.

"This material was sent by the International Committee of the Red Cross to a laboratory for analysis. The results of the tests made on the specimens which had been forwarded to the International Committee of the Red Cross show that poison gas was not involved."

Recalling the memorandum of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on this subject dated 22 January 1980, which was issued as document A/35/71 of 23 January 1980, I would draw your attention to the fact that the agents of the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique at the United Nations are continuing to submit defamatory notes against the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam concerning the use of poison gas in Kampuchea, the latest of which was issued as document A/35/185-S/13906 of 25 April 1980. Once again, we strongly condemn the vile machinations of these criminals within the United Nations, who are seeking desperately to damage the prestige of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam with gross lies designed to serve the hegemonistic and expansionist policy of the rulers in Peking.

I would request you to use your authority to put an end to all these manoeuvres, which, moreover, impose unnecessary additional expenses on the Member States.

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I would further request you to have this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 22 of the preliminary list.

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of the Socialist Republic of
Viet Nam to the United Nations