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THE SITUATION IN KAMPUCHEA

Letter dated 19 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, for your information, the text entitled "Assistance provided by the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the People's Republic of Kampuchea in the years of 1979 and 1980" and kindly request you to have this letter and its enclosure circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 22 of the preliminary list.

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to the United Nations

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## ANNEX

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM  
TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KAMPUCHEA IN THE YEARS OF  
1979 and 1980

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1979

Since the overthrow of the Pol Pot - Ieng Sary genocidal regime by the Kampuchean people, Viet Nam although still facing many difficulties as a result of decades of foreign wars of aggression on her soil has extended to the Kampuchean people a comprehensive and diversified assistance. That assistance is not only funneled via central services or ministries but also by Viet Nam provinces to their sister counter-parts in Kampuchea.

The 1979 assistance consisted of:

1. Relief, rehabilitation of production in food and foodstuff:

- Over 140,000 tons of relief rice, short-term and long-term rice seeds, corn seeds.

- Dozens of tons of nut and vegetable seeds, millions of cassava saplings, ten thousands of pigs and poultry.

- Agricultural implements such as small-size tractors, farming tools, fertilizer, insecticide. In addition, groups of tractor workers and farmers were also sent to the sisterhood provinces in Kampuchea, helping plow and plant thousands of hectares of land.

2. Public health:

- Helping restore and build tens of provincial or city hospitals affording more than 3,000 beds, tens of district infirmaries with over 600 beds, hundreds of village dispensaries and other small medical stations.

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Provide medical instruments, hundreds of tons of medicine, sugar and milk.

- Send more than 400 medical workers out of them nearly 200 were doctors to hospitals, infirmaries, base-level medical teams.

### 3. Rehabilitation of transport and communications

- Send cadres and workers to help unload goods; mobilize tens of thousands of means to ship supplies provided by other countries, international organizations in transit to Kampuchea; helping shift supplies from Phnom Penh, Kong Pong Som, Pochentong ports to the provinces, restore and repair roads, bridges and a number of airfields.

- Train and set up a truck transport company with more than 300 trucks and their drivers.

- Restore Kong Pong Som Phnom Penh and a number of small ports, dredge Mekong river.

- Restore Phnom Penh - Kong Pong Som and Phnom Penh - Battambang railways.

- Restore Pochentong international airport and some air-strips in provinces.

### 4. Education, information and culture

- Help train 14,000 teachers needed for 2,420 schools with a total of 900,000 pupils.

- Provide for the first school year 1979-1980 dozens of tons of paper, 800,000 notebooks, hundreds of thousands of text-books and other school material.

- Set up 15 big and medium-size radio stations, five mobile stations; provide over 5,000 radio sets and instal network of telephone and telecommunications for a number of cities and provinces.

5. Restoration of industry

- Help survey more than 60 plants in Phnom Penh, of them 34 have been put into operation. Help provinces put into function power water, engineering repair plants, farming tools manufactures and handicraft workshops.

6. Rehabilitation of fishery

- Tens of thousands of tons of fishing nets and equipments.

- Help organize thousands of production teams and thousands of manpower for fishing.

7. Goods

- More than 2 million meters of fabric.

- More than 5,000 bicycles.

- More than 400,000 cooking pots, millions of bowls, soap, towels, needles...

8. Provision of experts and technicians

- Send a great number of experts and technicians to all services at the central and provincial levels.

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Because of its peculiar character, the above-said assistance in many cases cannot be estimated in cash. The assistance in 1979 in kind or the like alone is estimated approximately at an amount equivalent to US\$ 56 million.

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1980

Viet Nam's assistance to Kampuchea in 1980 is of the same nature as in 1979 but in greater amount including 10,000 tons of rice seeds for the coming crop. It is estimated roughly at an amount equivalent to U.S.\$ 62 million.

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