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LETTER DATED 20 FEBRUARY 1979 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
HUNGARY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you the statement of the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic, dated 19 February 1979, concerning the Chinese aggression against the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

I request you to circulate it as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Imre HOLLAI

Annex

Statement by the Government of the Hungarian
People's Republic dated 19 February 1979

The Hungarian people noted with deep shock that the Chinese armed forces launched a co-ordinated attack on 17 February 1979 against the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam along the entire Vietnamese-Chinese border.

The Government of the Hungarian People's Republic expresses its deep indignation against the action of the Chinese Government which forms a crude violation of the United Nations Charter and tramples the international law as well as the basic norms of peaceful co-operation among nations. The Chinese forces' unprecedented offensive poses a challenge to peoples' peace and security. The aggression against the Vietnamese people has further exposed the Chinese leaders' big-power ambitions, expansionist schemes and adventurism. It is the Government of the People's Republic of China that is responsible for the Chinese armed forces' attack against the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and for its consequences.

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam has been consistently trying to solve through negotiations the problems that have arisen in the Vietnamese-Chinese relations. It put forward several proposals to the Chinese side, but the Chinese Government has answered the attempts for a peaceful settlement through aggression.

The Government of the Hungarian People's Republic and the entire Hungarian people express their solidarity with the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and its heroic people. In these difficult hours we ensure our full support to the Government and people of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and express our agreement with the Vietnamese statement of 17 February 1979 condemning the Chinese aggression.

As in the past, our Government and people will continue to support the Vietnamese people's just fight and its efforts aimed at defending the homeland's independence, freedom and sovereignty, and at achieving durable peace. We join the world-wide demand that the People's Republic of China unconditionally and finally cease every kind of aggression against the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and immediately withdraw its forces from the Vietnamese territory.

It is our conviction that the fraternal Vietnamese people, which enjoys the sympathy, solidarity and support of the socialist countries and every peace-loving State, will be able to restrain the Chinese aggressors and will be able to defend its homeland's independence and sovereignty. This will greatly contribute to peace and security in South-East Asia and the world.
