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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE THIRTY-THIRD SESSION
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Letter dated 24 May 1979 from the Permanent Representative of the
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations
addressed to the President of the General Assembly

The delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the thirty-third session of the General Assembly strongly protests against the presence at the session of a person who calls himself the "representative of Democratic Kampuchea" but who in fact represents nobody.

As has been stressed repeatedly in the official statements of the leaders of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, notably in the message dated 18 May 1979 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea addressed to the President of the General Assembly and to the Secretary-General and issued as document A/33/566 of 21 May 1979, anyone who is not appointed by the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea has no right to act or speak on behalf of Kampuchea in any forum of the United Nations or any other international organization.

Everyone is aware that nearly five months ago the Kampuchean people, under the leadership of the National United Front for the Salvation of Kampuchea, did away with the criminal régime of the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary puppet clique, which at the bidding of its masters in Peking was pursuing a policy of mass extermination of the country's population and aggressive assaults on neighbouring States.

With the establishment of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, power in the country passed entirely into the hands of the People's Revolutionary Council, the only legitimate Kampuchean Government. The Kampuchean people, after living through the somber days of Maoist genocide, have at last become the true masters of their own country and have acquired a people's Government which serves their interests and is directing the country's development along the course of independence, democracy and social progress.

The fact that so-called "representatives of Democratic Kampuchea", who in fact represent nobody, are still to be found in a number of United Nations bodies, notably at the current session of the General Assembly, cannot be described other than as a gross violation of the sovereign rights of the Kampuchean people.

The Soviet delegation wishes to emphasize once again that the statements made in United Nations bodies by a person who claims to represent the criminal Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique, long since overthrown by the Kampuchean people, are altogether intolerable and illegal and damage the authority and dignity of this international organization.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official General Assembly document under agenda item 3.

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Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to
the thirty-third session of the
General Assembly
