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LETTER DATED 28 OCTOBER 1983 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the Declaration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic dated 27 October 1983 concerning the situation in Grenada.

I should be very grateful if Your Excellency would have this letter and its enclosure circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kithong VONSAY  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement dated 27 October 1983 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
of the Lao People's Democratic Republic condemning the aggression  
against Grenada by United States imperialism

[Original: French]

On 25 October 1983 the Reagan Administration sent some 2,000 paratroopers and marines, supported by the Air Force and numerous warships and by its Caribbean accomplices, to attack Grenada, a small island country in the region, on the pretext of protecting United States citizens and maintaining order there. But the true nature of these activities lies in the determination to eliminate the revolutionary forces and the progressive people and to provoke countries friendly to Grenada.

This act of insane aggression by the present United States Administration against the revolutionary Government and people of Grenada is not unprecedented in that region. It has not been forgotten that in 1965 United States imperialism sent tens of thousands of men to attack and occupy the Dominican Republic. This act is not only a shameless violation of the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Grenada and a flagrant breach of the rules of international law and the fundamental principles of the Charter of the United Nations but also an insolent provocation against peace-loving world public opinion, thus exacerbating tension in that region and in the world.

The Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic firmly condemns this act of armed aggression perpetrated by the United States and its lackeys against Grenada and demands the immediate and unconditional withdrawal from the territory of Grenada of all their attacking troops, the cessation of all acts of interference in the internal affairs of that country and strict respect for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Grenadian people.

Any Government emerging from this aggression is to be considered an illegal puppet government serving only the interests of United States imperialism.

The Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic resolutely supports the people of Grenada and the peoples of the Caribbean in their heroic struggle against the United States aggressors to safeguard their national independence and for the maintenance of peace in Central America and in the world. The just struggle of the people of Grenada, which is a member of the Non-Aligned Movement, will certainly be victorious.

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