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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING
OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 21 December 1978 from the Permanent Representative of
Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In the letter dated 11 December 1978 from the delegation of Democratic Kampuchea addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/12961), there were slanderous allegations against the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam about the coming into being of the Kampuchea National United Front for National Salvation. The Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations totally rejected those brazen slanders.

With a view to giving more light to the truth, I have the honour to transmit herewith the Declaration of 2 December 1978 of the Kampuchea National United Front for National Salvation and request you to have this Declaration circulated to all Member States of the United Nations as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 50.

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ANNEX

Declaration of 2 December 1978 of the Kampuchea National
United Front for National Salvation

Dear and respected compatriots,
Dear cadres and combatants,
Dear compatriots abroad,

Throughout the long period when Kampuchea was under the yoke of colonialism, imperialism and feudalism, how many of our compatriots, cadres and combatants have developed our forefathers' glorious tradition, and, despite innumerable difficulties and sacrifices, they have relentlessly struggled with sublime heroism against French and United States imperialism with a view to restoring independence and freedom for the country, thus glorifying our magnificent land of Angkor.

Particularly during our patriotic war against United States imperialism, while relying on our own forces and at the same time enjoying the sympathy, support and assistance of socialist countries and peace- and justice-loving people the world over, our people won the glorious victory of 17 April 1975, totally liberating our country, opening for the Kampuchean people a new era, the era of independence, freedom and socialism.

Following the restoration of our total independence, our people could have enjoyed peace, devoted might and main to national reconstruction, and established relations of solidarity and friendship with socialist countries and all countries loving peace, independence and freedom in South East Asia and the world as a whole.

However, during the past three years, things have happened in a completely opposite way. A dictatorial, militarist and fascist régime, matchless in history for its ferocity, has been installed in Kampuchea. The reactionary Pol Pot-Ieng Sary gang and their families have totally usurped power, sought by all means to betray the country and harm the people, causing innumerable sufferings and mourning to our fellow Kampucheans, and threatening our people with extermination. It is the Chinese authorities who have encouraged and backed to the hilt these traitors and tyrants.

Only a few days after liberation, under the signboard "all-round, radical social revolution" and "social purification" they razed the towns and forced millions of people in cities and urban centres to leave their homes and property for the countryside, to lead a precarious life and die slowly through hard labour.

They have cut all sacred sentiments of people towards their parents, between brothers, and sisters, husbands and wives, and even among neighbours. In fact, they have razed villages where our people had lived and woven sentimental ties for thousands of years.

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They proclaim "forcible co-operativization", "abolition of money and markets" and force people to eat and sleep in community. In fact, they have herded our compatriots into camouflaged concentration camps, robbed our people of all means of production and consumer goods, forced them to overwork while giving them the minimum of food and clothes, forcing all strata of the population to live in misery as slaves. They classify people into different categories with a view to subduing them more easily and to making them kill one another.

Decidedly the crimes of the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary gang can no longer be counted! Everywhere our people have witnessed massacres more atrocious, more barbarous than those committed in the Middle Ages or perpetrated by the Hitlerite fascists.

They have even declared that they would not hesitate if they had to sacrifice millions of our compatriots for the sake of building socialism the way they chose. In many places they have massacred the people in whole villages and whole hamlets. They spare not even foetuses inside mothers' wombs! Worse still, they intend to massacre more than 1,700,000 people in the Eastern Region. In the face of this situation, hundreds of thousands of people have risen up against them, tens of thousands of people whose lives are threatened have been forced to leave the motherland for abroad. Those who stay in the country live in constant fear - like fish caught in a net not knowing when their turn will come to be massacred.

The Pol Pot-Ieng Sary gang have usurped the leadership of the Party, and have forgotten all that the revolutionary people have done to feed and protect them. Right after seizing the top level of power, they paid back with tortures, and murders! They have betrayed their compatriots and their comrades. How many cadres, party members, authentic revolutionaries and patriots, and cadres and combatants in the armed forces who had contributed to the liberation of the country and had proved absolute loyalty to the Motherland have been killed en masse at all levels and in all places for the only reason that they did not approve the reactionary and barbarous policy of the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary gang.

They have trampled underfoot all traditions, all fine customs and habits of our people, and committed acts of vandalism against our nation's time-honoured culture. They have banned freedom of religion, organized forced collective marriages, dislocated families and debased our nation's habits and customs.

They have destroyed pagodas and temples of Buddhism - an ancient state religion of Kampuchea - and have forced monks and nuns to return to laic life. They have destroyed Hinduism while exterminating the Champa nationality. They have razed almost all education establishments from primary schools to universities. They have forced all children of 13 to 14 to give up studies and enrol in the army to service their interests.

The Pol Pot-Ieng Sary régime is a régime of new-type enslavement and has nothing to do with socialism!

To camouflage their abominable crimes against our people and fool public opinion at home and abroad, to serve their dark design of building a barbarous dictatorial and militarist régime ready to kill all those who refuse to submit to them, and to serve the strategic aims of great nation expansionism of the Chinese authorities, they have provoked a border conflict with Viet Nam, thus turning friends into foe. They have transformed our revolutionary armed forces into mercenaries for the Chinese authorities, and into a tool to suppress the people's uprising movement.

Respected compatriots!
Dear cadres and combatants!
Dear fellow Kampucheans living abroad!

The Pol Pot-Ieng Sary traitors and tyrants have drowned Kampuchea in blood and tears. Boiling with anger against these barbarous acts and this policy of betrayal toward the country and people, the authentic revolutionary and patriotic forces have risen up alongside the people throughout the country to struggle resolutely against these traitors to save our country and people from slavery and extermination.

The newly founded Kampuchea National United Front for National Salvation solemnly declares:

The Kampuchea National United Front for National Salvation, established in the spirit of authentic independence of the Kampuchean people, unites all nationalities in the country, and rallies all patriotic forces regardless of political and religious tendencies - workers, peasants, petty bourgeois, intellectuals, Buddhist monks and nuns, patriots still in the ranks of the ruling clique, and compatriots now living abroad - and without distinction as to age or sex, to realize of one mind the immediate revolutionary task of the Kampuchean people:

To unite the entire people and rise up to topple the reactionary and nepotic Pol Pot-Ieng Sary gang of militarist dictators, henchmen of the foreign reactionary forces; to liquidate their barbarous and bloodthirsty régime; to establish a people's democratic régime, to develop the Angkor traditions; to make Kampuchea a really peaceful, independent, democratic, neutral and non-aligned country advancing to socialism, thus contributing actively to the common struggle for peace and stability in South East Asia.

To fulfil this historic mission, the Kampuchea National United Front for National Salvation undertakes:

1. To carry out a policy of great national union, and overthrow the dictatorial, militarist and nepotic régime of the reactionary Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique. To dissolve the people's representatives' assembly created by Pol Pot-Ieng Sary. To hold general elections to a national assembly; to reorganize a people's democratic power at all levels; to work out a new

constitution guaranteeing the people's rights to equality, to real freedom and democracy, and to establish the legislation of an independent, democratic state advancing to socialism.

2. To build revolutionary mass organizations of Kampuchea affiliated to the Kampuchea National United Front for National Salvation with a view to grouping various strata of the population, help them to see through the anti-national and anti-popular nature of the reactionary Pol Pot-Ieng Sary gang, so that they will abandon all organizations and groups set up by this gang, and actively adhere to the Youth Association for National Salvation, the Women's Association for National Salvation, the Trade Union for National Salvation, the Peasants' Association for National Salvation, and the Intellectuals' Association for National Salvation with a view to toppling the reactionary and nepotic Pol Pot-Ieng Sary gang and bringing to all strata of our people the right to be the real masters of the country.

3. To build and develop the Kampuchean revolutionary army which, together with the people, has the task of crushing the reactionary Pol Pot-Ieng Sary administration, defending the revolutionary power, the people's lives and property; defending the Motherland ever more efficaciously, firmly maintaining the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Kampuchea.

4. To realize the people's rights to real freedom and democracy and respect their dignity. All Kampucheans have the right to return to their old native land, and to build their family life in happiness. All Kampucheans have freedom of residence, movement, association, and religion, and have the right to work, recreation and education. To guarantee freedom of person. All ethnic groups in the Kampuchean social community have the right to freedom, equality, and share the same rights and duties.

5. To carry out an independent and sovereign economic policy tending towards genuine socialism. To rebuild our war-torn country. To restore the national economy ravaged by the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary régime. The new economy shall serve the people's interests on the basis of agricultural and industrial development. It will be a planned economy with markets, meeting the needs for progress of society.

To abolish the compulsory "work-and-eat together" system, and to put an end to the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary policy of seizing the people's rice and other property. To assist and encourage mutual-aid and co-operative forms on the basis of the peasants' voluntariness in order to boost production and improve the people's living standards.

To establish banks, issue currency, restore and develop the circulation of goods. To broaden the home trade and increase economic relations with all foreign countries on an equal footing and with mutual benefits.

To abolish the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary policy of back-breaking forced labour. To carry out the policy of an eight-hour work-day and pay according to labour.

6. To abolish compulsory marriage, and encourage free choice in marriage, and restore the happy life of every family. To realize sex equality and create all favourable conditions for women to get education and improve their trades in order to serve society like men.

To care for war invalids, families of war dead, and families which have rendered good services to the revolution.

To care for the people's health, aged and infirm people, and orphans.

To care for and defend the legitimate interests of overseas Kampucheans. To have a correct policy towards foreign residents in Kampuchea.

7. To abolish the reactionary culture of the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary gang. To build a new culture with a national and popular character. To do away with illiteracy, develop the national education, build general-education schools, universities and secondary vocational schools. To give the right places to scientific workers, technicians, artists and other men and women of culture.

To protect and restore historical relics, pagodas and temples, and parks destroyed by the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary gang.

8. To warmly welcome and create favourable conditions for officers and soldiers as well as public servants in the administration of the reactionary régime to rally with the people and fight back against the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary gang to save the Motherland and their own families.

To duly punish die-hard reactionary chieftains who have committed bloody crimes against the people. To practise leniency towards those who sincerely repent. To give appropriate rewards to those with feats of arms in service of the revolution.

To give humane treatment to those in the ranks of the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary administration and army who have been captured in combat and help them to become decent people, useful to society.

9. To carry out a foreign policy of peace, friendship and non-alignment towards all countries without distinction as to their political and social system, and on the basis of peaceful coexistence, respect for each other's independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit.

10. To settle all disputes with neighbour countries through peaceful negotiations and on the basis of respecting each other's independence,

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sovereignty and territorial integrity. To put an end to the border war with Viet Nam provoked by the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary gang. To restore the relations of friendship, co-operation and good neighbourhood with other South East Asian countries, and contribute to building South East Asia into a region of peace, independence, freedom, neutrality, stability and prosperity. Kampuchea will not join any military alliance nor allow any country to build military bases on its territory or send military equipment into Kampuchea.

11. To strengthen solidarity with all revolutionary and progressive forces throughout the world. To firmly support the common struggle of all nations for peace, national independence, democracy and social progress, against imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism.

Dear and respected compatriots,
Dear cadres and combatants,
Dear compatriots abroad,

Our nation is facing the danger of extermination!

Our Motherland is in danger!

The Kampuchea National United Front for National Salvation calls on:

All fellow Kampucheans of all nationalities and all walks of life, including those living abroad, old and young, men and women, regardless of political tendencies and religious beliefs, to close in their ranks under the banner of the Kampuchea National United Front for National Salvation and rise up, millions as one, to overthrow the dictatorial militarist and genocidal régime headed by the nepotic and bloodthirsty Pol Pot-Ieng Sary gang.

This is the only way to save our people, our country and ourselves.

By this way we can bring peace and genuine independence to our country, and freedom, real democracy and happiness to our people.

Cadres, public employees and combatants still entangled in the administration and army machinery of the reactionary Pol Pot-Ieng Sary gang! Rise up against every traitorous undertaking and policy of this gang, take an effective part in the just struggle of the people, destroy the leading torturers, and turn into genuine revolutionary armed forces of the people!

The Kampuchean National United Front for National Salvation earnestly calls on the peoples and Governments of all countries, international organizations, mass organizations and democratic organizations throughout the world struggling for peace, national independence, democracy and social progress to give our people's just struggle active support and assistance in all fields.

The reactionary Pol Pot-Ieng Sary régime, barbarous as it is, is shaking to its roots and is doomed to total collapse.

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In the present epoch no international reactionary force, however perfidious it may be, can exterminate the heroic Kampuchean people.

The genuine Kampuchean revolutionary forces still have to overcome numerous difficulties and hardships. But they have a correct revolutionary line and fight for a goal, in accordance with the sacred aspiration of the nation and with the trend of history. They are solidly united millions, as one, and enjoy the sympathy and support of the peoples who love peace, justice and social progress. They will win glorious victory.

The time of the revolution has come!

Cadres and combatants, unite and march forward heroically!

Struggle resolutely to overthrow the reactionary Pol Pot-Ieng Sary gang!

Our people will surely achieve a peaceful, independent, democratic, neutral and non-aligned Kampuchea which will advance to socialism!

The Kampuchean revolution will win!

Kampuchean liberated zone, 3 December 1978

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF
THE KAMPUCHEA NATIONAL UNITED FRONT
FOR NATIONAL SALVATION
