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OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF GOOD-NEIGHBOURLINESS BETWEEN STATES

PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES BETWEEN STATES

Letter dated 23 July 1985 from the Permanent Representative of
the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

At the request of the Government of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a message dated 13 July 1985 addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Hun Sen, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of that country.

I should be most grateful if you would have the texts of the present letter and the message circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under items 40, 105, 132 and 133 of the provisional agenda.

(Signed) Kithong VONGSAY
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Message dated 13 July 1985 from the Prime Minister and
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic
of Kampuchea addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, I take leave to call Your Excellency's attention to the humanitarian problems affecting the Kampuchean refugees in Thailand.

The Thai authorities are at the moment engaged in preparing world public opinion for their impending "repatriation" of some 230,000 Kampuchean civilians to "safe areas inside Kampuchea". They have not hesitated to use the names of certain international humanitarian organizations in order to implicate them in their criminal actions.

Indeed, what they refer to as "repatriation" amounts to no more than the Bangkok authorities periodically organizing infiltrations from Thailand of Pol Pot and allied terrorists, forcing a part of the civilian refugee population to follow them (as during their retreat to Thailand in 1979) in order to save the demoralized Pol Pot criminals from disintegration, destabilize the People's Republic of Kampuchea and foster a situation of conflict in the region.

All are aware that the Thai authorities have set up sanctuaries for Pol Pot and allied elements in Thai territory that they refer to as "refugee camps" and that those authorities exploit the situation of the real Kampuchean refugees for their own strategic and pecuniary ends, actions which were approved and endorsed by Mr. Schultz, the United States Secretary of State, during his recent visit to Thailand. Reassured by Peking (Beijing) and Washington, those authorities consider that they can close the mouths and eyes of world public opinion to their violations of the refugees' rights and of the principles of international law and to their monstrous crimes against the Kampuchean people.

The Government of the People's Republic of Kampuchea has frequently proposed to the Thai authorities that direct or indirect negotiations should be entered into with a view to solving such Kampuchean refugee problems in Thailand and concerning their possible repatriation. The Bangkok authorities, however, prefer to ignore such proposals and to continue their shameful acts and their campaigns of gross calumny against the People's Republic of Kampuchea. With the complicity of the ASEAN countries, Peking (Beijing) and Washington, they have become past masters in the art of making the United Nations accept a legal insult through its seating in New York of the representatives of the spurious coalition Government in exile of Democratic Kampuchea, which is of their own creation and which is totally rejected by the Kampuchean people. This contrivance, designed to camouflage the genocidal Pol Pot régime, is not a Government and is neither a coalition nor democratic, and this insult is a disgrace to the United Nations.

The People's Republic of Kampuchea denounces and strongly condemns such machinations engaged in by the Thai authorities in disregard of the lives of thousands of Kampuchean refugees who are entitled to international protection. The

sufferings of the Kampuchean refugees in Thailand and this legal insult to the United Nations are not unrelated and are not the outcome of an accident of history. They are beyond our imagination.

The people and Government of the People's Republic of Kampuchea are most grateful to Your Excellency for your humanitarian feeling for them. They go so far as to hope that Your Excellency will use your good offices to prevent organizations such as the United Nations Border Relief Organization (UNBRO) from becoming party to these odious machinations on the part of the Thai authorities to prolong the conflict until the last remaining Kampuchians.

I should be grateful if you would have this text circulated as an official document of the present session.

(Signed) Hun SEN
Prime Minister and Minister for
Foreign Affairs of the People's
Republic of Kampuchea
