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Letter dated 23 October 1990 from the Permanent Representative of
Cambodia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith, for your information, the text of a memorandum dated 12 October 1990 of the Cambodian National Resistance entitled "Vietnam's move on the field and on the diplomatic front to prolong its occupation of Cambodia" (see annex).

I should be very grateful if you could have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 32, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Memorandum dated 12 October 1990 of the Cambodian National
Resistance

Viet Nam's move on the field and on the diplomatic front to
prolong its occupation of Cambodia

I. Attempt of Viet Nam and Hun Sen to destroy the document of the five permanent members of the Security Council, the Jakarta Joint Statement and United Nations Security Council resolution 668 (1990)

1. On 11 September, Hun Sen started to reject openly and with arrogance the Jakarta Joint Statement he had signed the day before.

Most recently, in New Delhi, he went so far as to arrogantly accuse H.R.H. Samdech Norodom Sihanouk of hindering the peace process from moving forward. It is a clear attempt to block the election of H.R.H. Samdech Norodom Sihanouk as Chairman of the Supreme National Council (SNC), while, at home and abroad, Hun Sen himself has been stepping up a systematic Vietnamese-guided campaign of disinformation about the Bangkok meeting.

2. As for the Vietnamese, through the voice of their Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach at the forty-fifth session of the United Nations General Assembly, they have rejected the framework document of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council. They try to renegotiate the very text which all the Cambodian parties, including that of Hun Sen, accepted "in its entirety as the basis for settling the Cambodia conflict" in their Jakarta Joint Statement of 10 September 1990. The very text which has been adopted unanimously by the Security Council on 20 September 1990 and become Council resolution 668 (1990).

3. On the field in Cambodia:

- Viet Nam continues to send fresh troops to Cambodia. From August to early October, it has sent approximately 8,000 troops to Cambodia. More than half of them have been sent to the Battambang front. The others have been sent to villages throughout the country.

- There have been increasing activities to conscript Cambodian civilians into Heng Samrin-Hun Sen's army.

- The Vietnamese troops and those of Heng Samrin-Hun Sen have been trying hard to launch operations aimed at capturing the liberated zones controlled by the resistance forces.

4. In brief, they have been carrying out a two-track policy:

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- On the diplomatic front, they try to destroy the document of the five permanent members of the Security Council by seeking to modify it step by step. But their current main thrust is to block the election of H.R.H. Samdech Norodom Sihanouk as Chairman of SNC.

- On the field in Cambodia, they have mobilized forces presently in Cambodia and their newly arrived fresh troops as well as those of Heng Samrin-Hun Sen to capture the liberated zone controlled by the resistance forces, and to crush the resistance forces.

Thus the Vietnamese main objective is far from seeking a political settlement. They have rather pursued very actively their war of occupation of Cambodia. And Hun Sen continues to serve faithfully this Vietnamese objective.

II. Position of the Cambodian National Resistance under the leadership of H.R.H. Samdech Norodom Sihanouk

4. The only objective of the Cambodian National Resistance under the leadership of H.R.H. Samdech Norodom Sihanouk has been the liberation of Cambodia from the Vietnamese occupation so that the Cambodian people can exercise their right to self-determination thus allowing them to live in a liberal democratic régime with many political parties and a free-market economy.

5. We have come up with one peace proposal after another, and have made concessions after concessions in the spirit of compromise in order to arrive at a comprehensive political settlement.

6. We have even accepted Hun Sen and his group, installed and nurtured by the Vietnamese occupying forces in Cambodia, as one of the four Cambodian parties in the peace process.

7. We have supported whole-heartedly the document of the five permanent members of the Security Council, the Jakarta Joint Statement of 10 September 1990 and Security Council resolution 668 (1990). We remain fully committed to these three documents and are calling for their implementation by all parties.

8. We will resolutely defend those three documents. We will not allow Viet Nam and the Phnom Penh party to trample upon those documents or to modify them or to destroy them. We will join our forces with those of peace- and justice-loving countries which have supported the document of the five permanent members of the Security Council so as to compel Viet Nam and Hun Sen's faction to accept H.R.H. Samdech Norodom Sihanouk as Chairman of the SNC, and to implement the document of the five permanent members of the Security Council.

9. We will resolutely join our forces to carry out the struggle against the continued Vietnamese occupation of Cambodia. We will remain vigilant against any attempt by the Vietnamese occupying forces and their puppets to capture the liberated zone controlled by the resistance forces.

III. An appeal to the international community

10. The Cambodian National Resistance under the leadership of H.R.H. Samdech Norodom Sihanouk would like to call on the ASEAN countries and all other peace- and justice-loving countries in the world as well as the United Nations Organization, to whom the Cambodian National Resistance and the Cambodian people remain forever indebted for their support, to continue to bring pressure to bear on Viet Nam and Hun Sen's faction:

(a) To accept H.R.H. Samdech Norodom Sihanouk as Chairman of the SNC as has been hinted in the document of the five permanent members of the Security Council, the Jakarta Joint Statement and Security Council resolution 668 (1990);

(b) To implement in good faith the three above-cited documents.

11. Only then will the United Nations be able to play its enhanced role as outlined in the document of the five permanent members of the Security Council especially in:

(a) The verification and control of the withdrawal of all categories of Vietnamese forces from Cambodia and other related military issues;

(b) The administration of Cambodia in the transitional period leading to the election of a national government;

(c) The organization and verification of free and fair elections in Cambodia.
