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Letter dated 21 December 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith for your information the text of the statement of 18 December 1979 made by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea on the collusion between the Thai authorities and the remnants of the Pol Pot forces and request you to have that statement and this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under the item entitled "The situation in Kampuchea".

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ANNEX

COLLUSION BETWEEN THE THAI AUTHORITIES AND THE REMNANTS OF THE  
POL POT FORCES

SPK (PHNOM PENH 18 DECEMBER) - In a statement issued today, the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kampuchea asserted that the Thai authorities, in collusion with the expansionists of Peking and Japan, have given a false picture of the Pol Pot forces prior to the meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the ASEAN countries.

The statement reads as follows:

On 11 December 1979, several Bangkok daily newspapers published articles and photographs dealing with the visit made by a Japanese television team on 8 and 9 December to a Pol Pot "base" and quoted Pol Pot's admission to the journalists that his gang was receiving military supplies mainly from China and was authorized to take refuge in Thailand. Shortly before that, on 17 November 1979, an AP correspondent had been authorized by Thailand to visit one of the Pol Pot bases in Thai territory.

Once again, these facts have exposed the falsity of the claims of the Thai authorities that they are still maintaining a neutral position with regard to the Kampuchean problem.

In collaboration with the expansionists of Peking and Japan, the Thai authorities are seeking to give a false picture of the Pol Pot forces prior to the meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the ASEAN countries with a view to furthering their attempts to interfere in the internal affairs of Kampuchea and to challenge progressive public opinion in numerous countries which is demanding that their Government withdraw recognition from the genocidal Pol Pot régime and recognize the People's Revolutionary Council.

Recent developments in the situation prove that, despite denunciation and condemnation by progressive opinion throughout the world, the Thai authorities are stepping up their collusion with the expansionists of Peking and the other reactionary forces by supporting the remnants of the Pol Pot troops and allowing them to establish bases in Thailand which serve as springboards for attacks against Kampuchea, thereby causing a tense situation to develop in the frontier region between the two countries.

The actions of the Thai authorities run counter to the interests of the peoples of Kampuchea and Thailand. The present situation in Kampuchea is irreversible and any manoeuvre designed to counteract that process will be completely unavailing and doomed to failure.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea most strongly condemns those actions by the Thai authorities and resolutely demands that they put an end to their collusion with the expansionists of Peking and the other reactionary forces in supplying and sheltering the Pol Pot bandits and other lackeys in Thailand. All their treacherous and dangerous schemes against the People's Republic of Kampuchea will be thwarted and the Thai authorities must bear full responsibility for any consequences resulting from their actions.

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