

UNITED NATIONS



GENERAL
ASSEMBLY



SECURITY
COUNCIL

Distr.
GENERAL

A/35/108

S/13809

21 February 1980

ENGLISH

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH/FRENCH

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Thirty-fifth session
Item 22 of the preliminary list*
THE SITUATION IN KAMPUCHEA

SECURITY COUNCIL
Thirty-fifth year

Letter dated 20 February 1980 from the Permanent Representative
of Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, for your information, the statement of 15 February 1980 by the spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Democratic Kampuchea.

I should be grateful if you would have this text circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 22 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) THIOUNN Prasith
Permanent Representative
of Democratic Kampuchea

* A/35/50.

ANNEX

STATEMENT BY THE SPOKESMAN
FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA

15 February 1980

The key element to a political solution of the Kampuchean issue is the withdrawal by Hanoi of all its troops of aggression from Kampuchea, leaving to the Kampuchean people the sovereign right to solve themselves their own problems, without any foreign interference, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the 34th UN General Assembly on 14 November 1979. Any other solution will let Hanoi gain a breathing space and play for time so as to continue to occupy Kampuchea and carry out its strategy of aggression and expansion while tension in Southeast Asia and the danger of a war-spilling will persist in all their gravity.

This is the viewpoint and position of the Democratic Kampuchea Government and the people of Kampuchea as well as that of the Vietnamese people and of the majority of countries and peoples the world over, as proved by the position of the majority of the members of the UN Security Council and the UN resolution adopted by 91 votes against 21 on 14 November 1979. Thus, if Hanoi really wants to solve the Kampuchean problem, it must effect a total troop withdrawal and not a sham one. If not, all its words are nothing but manoeuvres aimed at deceiving the world public opinion. Only when all the Vietnamese forces have been totally withdrawn, can all problems be resolved at their roots. Only thus peace can be re-established in Kampuchea. It will be no more famine and the Kampuchean people will lead again a normal life. The peoples of Kampuchea and Vietnam will be able to live in peace again and the Vietnamese people will be able to rebuild their life. Then, tension prevailing in Southeast Asia will be relaxed and peace and stability in the region be guaranteed.
