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Letter dated 6 February 1980 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of
the Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith to Your Excellency the statement of the Spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on Vietnamese archipelagoes and request you to kindly have the statement and this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under the item entitled "Report of the Security Council".

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 5 February 1980 by the Spokesman of the Ministry
of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on
Vietnamese archipelagoes

Following the Chinese authorities' recent illegal actions on the Hoang Sa archipelago and in the Bac Bo Gulf, in violation of Viet Nam's territorial sovereignty, the Chinese Foreign Ministry, on 30 January, made public another document to justify China's "sovereignty" over the Vietnamese archipelagoes of Hoang Sa and Truong Sa.

With fabricated data the Chinese authorities hoped to be able to alter the fact about Vietnamese jurisdiction over these two archipelagoes.

The Chinese document was meant to cope, though weakly, with the White Book issued on 28 September last year by the Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam which contains legally valid facts clearly testifying to the Vietnamese State and people's sovereignty over Hoang Sa and Truong Sa, and in the hope of legalizing the illegal activities of foreign companies for the exploration and exploitation of resources in these areas, thus gradually controlling and eventually seizing the Eastern Sea. It was also designed to divert public attention from China's deliberated delaying and obstructing the current Sino-Vietnamese talks in Beijing.

The Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam completely rejects this illegal and groundless document of the Chinese Foreign Ministry, and reasserts that Viet Nam's sovereignty over Hoang Sa and Truong Sa is clear and indisputable. The Vietnamese Government and people are determined to defend their sacred sovereignty over these two archipelagoes.
