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THE SITUATION IN KAMPUCHEA

Letter dated 27 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 the statement by a spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on "human rights" and to request you to have this statement and this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under items 12 and 22 of the preliminary list.

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**S T A T E M E N T**

by a Spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam  
on 'human rights'

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On February 5, 1980, the U.S. State Department made public a report on the state of "human rights" in 154 countries. The report repeated familiar slanderous charges against Viet Nam.

The report constitutes a gross intervention in the internal affairs of other countries, a hypocritical gesture which entirely serves the political aims of the Carter administration.

Successive U.S. administrations failed in their attempt to use the pretext of "defending the free world" and revealed themselves as an international gendarme whose role is to carry out acts of intervention, subversion and aggression against the independence and sovereignty of nations. Particularly since the ignominious defeat of the U.S. in its aggressive war against Viet Nam, the Carter administration has upheld the pretext of "defending human rights" as a state policy to doll up the criminal face of imperialism, conceal serious difficulties in the U.S. itself, divert the world wide struggle for peace and progress and continue intensifying its hostile policy and intervention against socialist countries and bring pressure to bear on other countries.

However, the world's peoples, including the American people, have realized more and more clearly that the Carter administration's supposed concern about "human rights" is a hoax and that the U.S. imperialists, now as before, are the most impudent violators of human rights of our times.

Within the United States, in spite of the Carter administration's lies, the crimes resulting from a racial discrimination at variance with human civilisation continue daily.

The human rights of tens of millions of coloured people have been seriously violated on a massive scale over a long period of time. With a harsh policy of exploitation and increasing inflation, the gap and inequality between a handful of rich persons and hundreds of millions of poor people is widening. Social vices such as unemployment, robbery, murder and prostitution are widespread. In such a situation, "human rights" serve merely as a device to cover up the filthy realities of U.S. society resulting from the criminal policies of the U.S. leaders.

Internationally, the U.S. imperialists have joined hands with dictators, fascists and tyrants, who have been condemned by the whole mankind for their bestial crimes. It is the U.S. imperialists who supported the

dictator Pinochet to oppose the Chilian people, helped the fascist Somoza to oppose the Nicaraguan people, protected Pahlavi in opposition to the Iranian people's revolution and mourned the traitor Amin, and colluded with other reactionary forces to sabotage the Afghan people's revolutionary gains. It is the U.S. imperialists who have supplied weapons and other war equipment to the South African racists and the zionists in their opposition to the Arab and African peoples. They have deprived developing countries of their natural resources, and laid the burden of economic crisis and inflation on these countries, making billions of people there live in misery and disease. To maintain exploitation and economic and social inequality among nations, they have resorted to all means to oppose the establishment of a new world economic order. They have stepped up the arms race and the production of weapons of mass destruction, created tension everywhere, and opposed disarmament and the world people's aspiration for peace and the relaxation of world tension thus making people live in anxiety and under threat of war.

On the Indochinese peninsula, they used tens of millions of tons of bombs and toxic chemicals to conduct history's most barbarous war of extermination against the fundamental national rights of the Vietnamese, Lao and Kampuchean peoples. After they failed in this war, the U.S. played the "China card", colluding with the Beijing expansionists and hegemonists, encouraging them to wage a war of aggression against Viet Nam, instigating illegal emigrations to cause difficulties to the Vietnamese people, threatening the independence and security of Laos, backing and nurturing the genocidal Pol Pot - Ieng Sary clique and other reactionary Khmer forces to oppose the young People's Republic of Kampuchea as well as the Kampuchean people's endeavours in consolidating their administration and national security, and in rebuilding their life.

Facts from around the world have eloquently proven that U.S. imperialism has been trampling most impudently upon the elementary principles of morality and human rights. It is completely unqualified to speak of human rights.

The Vietnamese people have constantly struggled for their national independence and freedom and contributed to the struggle of other nations against imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism, racism, zionism, expansionism and hegemonism, for the most fundamental rights of human beings and of all nations, namely peace, independence, freedom and social progress.

So far, with their nature of belligerence, aggression, repression and exploitation, imperialism, colonialism, expansionism and hegemonism especially U.S. imperialism have never been protectors of human rights, on the contrary the banner of human rights has been held only in the hands of the nations now struggling against these forces. All boastful tricks or distortions by the U.S. imperialists and the Beijing expansionists and hegemonists about human rights are nothing but deceptions and are surely doomed to failure.