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THE SITUATION IN KAMPUCHEA

Letter dated 29 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 People's Republic of Kampuchea on human rights in Kampuchea and to request Your Excellency to have this statement and this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 22 of the preliminary list.

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STATEMENT

by a spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea on human rights in Kampuchea

The Foreign Ministry of the People's Republic of Kampuchea deems it necessary to make clear the following:

1. Deprived of the right to live as human beings, the Kampuchean people have risen up and defeated the genocidal policy - unprecedented in human history - of the Beijing expansionists and the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique, and have gone about rebuilding their free life, their independence and happiness, during this humane uprising.

The Vietnamese people, conscious of their international obligations toward a neighbouring nation threatened with extermination, spared no sacrifice to help the Kampucheans liberate themselves and rebuild their country. This came at a time when Viet Nam was subject to violations of its sovereignty and independence in its northern and south-western border regions.

For this assistance, the Kampuchean people are extremely grateful. It is perfectly legal, just and in the national interests of both Kampuchea and Viet Nam, meeting the Kampuchean and Vietnamese people's aspirations to human rights.

2. It is the Beijing expansionists and the United States imperialists who have most grossly violated human rights by launching an extremely barbarous aggressive war against the three Indo-Chinese countries. The United States imperialists have massacred millions of innocent people, committed extremely savage crimes in a vain attempt to put the peoples of the three countries under their neo-colonialist domination, cynically violating the human rights of the Kampuchean, Vietnamese and Lao peoples. By encouraging the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique to follow an extremely savage policy of genocide in Kampuchea and to wage a barbarous aggressive war against Viet Nam in early 1979, the Beijing expansionists have exposed themselves as blood-thirsty butchers under the guise of "socialism". By so doing, they have tried to impose their domination on the Indo-Chinese peninsula, infringing upon the human rights of the peoples in the three fraternal countries.

3. At present, their most odious violation consists in their opposition to the sacred cause of the Kampuchean people namely the pursuit of their human rights in overcoming the consequences of the genocidal régime and building a new life of prosperity and happiness. The United States and Beijing clamour about "respect and defence of human rights" but they themselves have tried to revive the savage genocidal régime of Pol Pot and Ieng Sary. They falsely accuse the People's Revolutionary Council which has continued to uphold humanitarian values, overcome

the consequences of the genocidal clique and defend the Kampuchean people's legitimate interests. They try by all means to calumniate the Vietnamese people - extremely close friends of the Kampuchean people - who, animated by proletarian internationalism, have saved the Kampucheans from the danger of extermination and fully supported them in building a new life.

4. The United States imperialists and their allies, the Beijing expansionists, are responsible for the worst violations of human rights, are not qualified to speak in defence of human rights.

The Kampuchean people energetically condemn all their violations of human rights and urge them to immediately cease their aggressive activities of sabotage and their false charges against the People's Republic of Kampuchea. The United Nations and other international organizations must expel the genocidal Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique, whom the Kampuchean people have sentenced to death and whom world public opinion detest as the most hated butchers in human history.

Phnom Penh, 22 February 1980
