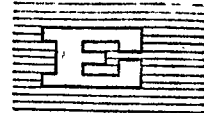


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IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL  
AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

Letter dated 25 February 1980 from the Permanent Mission of Viet Nam  
to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Chairman of  
the thirty-sixth session of the Commission on Human Rights

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for your information, the following document:

Statement by the spokesman of the Kampuchean Ministry for Foreign Affairs concerning human rights.

I would request you to have the text of this note and the statement attached thereto circulated as an official document of the Commission on Human Rights.

(Signed) TRUONG QUAN PHAN  
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STATEMENT

by the spokesman of the Kampuchean  
Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Hanoi, Viet Nam, 23 February - According to SPK, the spokesman of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea published a statement on Wednesday strongly denouncing the slanderous accusations made by Washington and Peking against Kampuchea in regard to human rights.

The complete text is as follows:

In recent days, while the United Nations Commission on Human Rights has been holding its thirty-sixth session at Geneva, the Peking expansionists and United States imperialists, in close collusion, have been putting out false accusations and slanders with the aim of tarnishing the People's Republic of Kampuchea and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

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

1. The Kampuchean people, deprived of the right to live as human beings, have risen up and overturned the policy of genocide - unequalled in the history of mankind - of the Peking expansionists and the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique, and have set about rebuilding its life of freedom, independence and happiness. In these uprisings, which are of profound human significance for Kampuchea and the Kampucheans, the Kampuchean people is infinitely grateful to the people of Viet Nam, which, in the face of violations of its country's sovereignty and of the independence of its northern and south-western frontier regions, and mindful of its international obligations vis-à-vis a neighbouring nation threatened with extermination, has spared no sacrifice to help the Kampuchean people free themselves and rebuild their country. This gesture on the part of the fraternal Vietnamese people is entirely legitimate, just and in conformity with the national interests of Kampuchea and Viet Nam, and is in accordance with the aspirations of the Kampucheans and the Vietnamese as well as with human rights.

2. It is the Peking expansionists and United States imperialists who violate human rights the most flagrantly. By unleashing an extremely barbarous war of aggression against the three countries of Indo-China, the United States imperialists had massacred millions of innocent people and committed crimes of unprecedented savagery, in the vain hope of bringing the three peoples under their neocolonial domination, cynically violating the human rights of the Kampuchean, Vietnamese and Lao peoples. By having the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique conduct a most savage policy of genocide in Kampuchea, and by waging a barbarous war of aggression against Viet Nam at the beginning of 1979, the Peking expansionists revealed themselves as bloodthirsty executioners under the guise of "socialism". In doing so, they attempted to impose their domination in the Indo-Chinese peninsula, infringing the human rights of the peoples of the three fraternal countries.

3. At present, the most serious violation on their part takes the form of opposition to the Kampuchean people's sacred task of seeking to assert human rights by overcoming the after-effects of the genocidal régime and by building a new life,

prosperity and happiness. They shout "observance and protection of human rights" from the rooftops, but it is they who seek to instil new life into the savage Pol Pot-Ieng Sary genocidal régime. They slanderously accuse the People's Revolutionary Council, which has raised and is holding aloft the flag of humanism, and which is rectifying the situation constituting the legacy of the genocidal clique and defending the Kampuchean people's legitimate interests. They seek in every possible way to slander the Vietnamese people, which is the extremely close friend of the Kampuchean people and which, imbued with the spirit of proletarian internationalism, rescued it from the danger of extermination and helped it, body and soul, to rebuild its life.

4. The United States imperialists and their allies the Peking expansionists - the chief architects of violations of human rights - have no right whatever to speak of the protection of human rights. The Kampuchean people strongly condemn all their violations of human rights and call upon them to put an end without delay to their acts of aggression and sabotage and to their slanderous accusations against the People's Republic of Kampuchea.

The United Nations and other international organizations must expel from their midst the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique, who are authors of genocide and who have been condemned to death by the Kampuchean people and execrated by world public opinion as the most repulsive butchers in the history of mankind.

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