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Letter dated 27 March 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith to Your Excellency the note dated 25 March 1980 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam addressed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China and kindly request Your Excellency to have this letter and its enclosure circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 50 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(<u>Signed</u>) HA VAN LAU

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NOTE

of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China

From March 21 to March 24, 1980, the Chinese authorities repeatedly caused a series of grave incidents on the Vietnamese territory in the Viet Nam - China border area.

On March 21, hundreds of Chinese troops crossed the border and laid in ambush at five places deep in Vietnamese territory in the area of markerpost 117 in Lung Buoi and Soc Ha, district of Ha Quang, province of Cao Bang. They killed five peasants and wounded another while these peasants were working on the field.

On March 22, dozens of Chinese troops intruded into Pha Long village, Muong Khuong district, Hoang Lien Son province. They took away by force a man named Giang Thien Chu.

On March 23, a Chinese platoon intruded into the area of Xin Man, Ha Tuyen province, and killed two Vietnamese soldiers in an ambush. On the same day another platoon intruded into the area of Lung Vay, Bao Lac district, Cao Bang province, and killed a Vietnamese soldier and wounded another.

On March 24, a Chinese platoon intruded into the hamlet of La Po, Dong Van village, Binh Lieu district, Quang Ninh province. They looted the population and destroyed crop fields. On the same day, hundreds of Chinese militiamen intruded into the area of Phuc Hoa, Cao Bang province, and caused heavy damage to cane-fields there.

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These criminal actions, like the many other armed provocations and acts of sabotage conducted on Vietnamese territory and already mentioned in the 33/TQ Note by the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry on March 20, were perpetrated in a close succession with an increasing degree of seriousness. They closely followed China's unilateral termination of the second round of talks with Viet Nam and new arrogant war threats uttered against Viet Nam. They have roused high indignation among the Vietnamese people.

The Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam sternly condemns these actions, and demands that the Chinese authorities put an immediate end to them. If the Chinese authorities continue to violate Viet Nam's sovereignty, territory and security, and if they continue their murderous acts and their sabotage of the normal life of Vietnamese along the Sino-Vietnamese border, they will have to take full responsibility for whatever may ensue.

Ha Noi, March 25, 1980.