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Letter dated 1 April 1980 from the Permanent Representative of  
Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, for your information, the statement of 24 March 1980 by the Ministry of Economy and Finances of Democratic Kampuchea.

I should be grateful if you would have this text circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 22 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) THIOUNN Prasith  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative  
of Democratic Kampuchea

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STATEMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND FINANCES  
OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA

- 24 March 1980 -

At present, the Vietnamese aggressors have already appropriated all gold of our people and nation. They have already failed in their attempts of "Vietnamization" of the economy of Kampuchea and Laos by compelling the people under their temporary control to use the "Dong". So they have resorted to the manoeuvres of creation of a so-called national currency and a so-called national bank so as to get new means to pursue their war of aggression and racial extermination in Kampuchea.

The Ministry of Economy and Finances of Democratic Kampuchea most strongly condemns this new crime of the Le Duan clique and declares, to all citizens and nationals of all origins living in the regions temporarily controlled by the Vietnamese aggressors, that the value of the so-called currency is null and void.

The Ministry of Economy and Finances of Democratic Kampuchea specifies that the Government of Democratic Kampuchea will strictly implement the Political Programme of the Patriotic and Democratic Front of Great National Union of Kampuchea whose objective is precisely:

- To build up an independent national economy;
- To guarantee the right of all citizens to engage in any productive activity either as individuals or as families;
- To guarantee the freedom of all citizens to engage in any form of production according to their preference in all fields: agriculture, handicrafts, industry, trade;
- To guarantee fully the fruits of all such activities;
- To guarantee and protect the private property of all citizens of Kampuchea and of foreign nationals in Kampuchea;
- The national currency will be used for commercial exchanges within the country.

In the present situation when our country is victim of the special war of racial extermination waged by the Le Duan clique, we will be provisionally using barter.

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National currency will be used in appropriate conditions. Our national currency will guarantee the construction of our economy, the remuneration as well as the fruits of work of citizens of all origins and of all nationalities.

The Ministry of Economy and Finances of Democratic Kampuchea calls upon all compatriots and nationals of all origins living in the regions under the temporary control of the enemy to boycott the so-called currency of the Le Duan clique. As a matter of fact, not only this so-called currency has no value at present as well as in the future but it constitutes also a mean through which the Vietnamese will appropriate all properties of our compatriots. For all these reasons, our compatriots have to preserve and defend at all costs all their properties (rice, poultry, cattle, etc..) by refusing to be deceived by the use of this so-called currency. Our compatriots have to safeguard all these properties so as to develop and strengthen their forces which will be useful to the struggle against the Vietnamese aggressors.

It is only by uniting all their efforts to fight, in every available forms, the Vietnamese aggressors so as to totally wipe them out of the country that Kampuchea can be rebuilt and the Kampuchean people can live in prosperity, honour and national dignity.

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