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Letter dated 14 August 1986 from the Permanent Representative
of Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith for your information a statement dated 30 July 1986 by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea denouncing the Vietnamese aggressors' policy of famine and their appeal for international aids to feed their army of occupation in Kampuchea.

I should be most grateful if the said statement could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 25 and 101 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 30 July 1986 by the spokesman of the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Coalition Government
of Democratic Kampuchea denouncing the Vietnamese aggressor's
policy of famine and their appeal for international aids
to feed their army of occupation in Kampuchea

This year, the Vietnamese aggressors have yet used their puppet installed in Phnom Penh to appeal to the international community for food aids. They have done so every year.

They ask for these humanitarian aids so as to supply their occupying forces to carry on their genocidal war of aggression in Kampuchea and to continue to slaughter the Kampuchean people in pursuance of their expansionist policy to swallow up and annex Kampuchea into Vietnam's territory.

The humanitarian reliefs sent by the international community to Phnom Penh have never reached the Kampuchean victim people who have been experiencing serious famine.

The Vietnamese aggressors and their accomplices have times and again used their propaganda machine, the media, books and films, to deceitfully claim that the Kampuchean people in the areas under their temporary control have been enjoying better conditions of living and even a "wonderful rebirth".

However, every year, the Vietnamese aggressors still declare that Kampuchea meets with shortage of rice due to various causes. The Hanoi authorities and their accomplices have never hesitated to cook up deceitful manoeuvres as expedient measures to serve their political objectives as the occasion requires. When they need to legalize their occupation of Kampuchea, they produce press articles, books and films, aimed at hoodwinking the world public opinion into believing that the conditions of living of the people in the areas under their temporary control are improving. When they need food aid to supply their armed forces who are bogged down on the battlefields of Kampuchea, they declare that the people of Kampuchea are facing acute shortage of rice, etc.

The real cause of the serious food shortage which the people of Kampuchea are facing is not natural calamities, drought or flood, as has been fallaciously claimed by the Vietnamese aggressors. Indeed, it is the genocidal policy pursued by the Vietnamese aggressors to starve the Kampuchean people to death, to slaughter them with a view to bringing Vietnamese nationals to live in their place on Kampuchean territory.

They use various means to kill the people of Kampuchea. They loot paddy in the fields, ransack houses to plunder even small quantities of rice the population have managed to produce, commandeer and levy rice from the population.

Furthermore, they prevent the population from carrying out their agricultural works by forcing them to live in hamlets surrounded by fences, ditches and mines. Besides, they round up hundred thousands of people and send them to the fronts in western Kampuchea to serve their war of aggression. They force them to clear forest, build roads, transport supplies, lay mines, build fences, dig ditches along the western border of Kampuchea, barring the Kampuchean people from having enough time to undertake their agricultural works. Hundreds of Kampuchean people have been consequently killed by mines, malaria and other diseases. Those whose life has been spared are severely afflicted and traumatic, unable to grow rice to sustain their life.

These are the real causes of the famine which strike the Kampuchean people every year.

Therefore, the humanitarian reliefs for which the Hanoi authorities appeal to the international community is not intended for the Kampuchean needy people, but for the Vietnamese armed forces in Kampuchea so as to perpetuate their occupation of the country aimed at swallowing up and annexing Kampuchea into Vietnam's territory.

The Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea earnestly appeals to all generous governments and peoples the world over who are concerned about the plight of the Kampuchean people to strongly condemn the Vietnamese aggressors' genocidal policy and to demand that Vietnam withdraw unconditionally and without delay all its forces from Kampuchea in conformity with the relevant U.N. resolutions on Kampuchea.

It calls on the world community to continue to lend its support to the eight-point peace proposal advanced by the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea for a political settlement of the problem of Kampuchea.

Only when the Hanoi authorities withdraw totally their forces of aggression from Kampuchea can the root cause of the problem of Kampuchea and the sufferings of the Kampuchean people be eliminated.
