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FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA  
ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT  
CONCERNING THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE'S COMMUNICATION  
OF 13 MARCH 1980 (CD/76)

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement by the delegation of Democratic Kampuchea to the Committee on Disarmament concerning the so-called "telegram" distributed in the Committee on Disarmament on 8 April 1980 as document CD/87.

I should be grateful if you would have this text distributed as an official document of the Committee on Disarmament.

(Signed) OK SAKUN  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

Document CD/87, which has been distributed in the Committee on Disarmament in Geneva, contains a "telegram" from a so-called minister of the puppet government in Phnom Penh.

The delegation of Democratic Kampuchea to the Committee on Disarmament has the honour to draw the attention of the honourable members of the Committee to the following points:

1. The distribution of a document from an illegal "government" set up by an army of aggression is a matter of regret. Such action is contrary to the spirit of the Committee's rules of procedure and constitutes a serious challenge to the decision of the international community.

2. This is, in fact, a manoeuvre by the Hanoi authorities to try to legalize their aggression in Kampuchea. Despite their repeated failures, these authorities are persisting in their vain attempts. The Vietnamese aggressors are thus deliberately creating obstacles to hamper the Committee's work.

The delegation of Democratic Kampuchea takes this opportunity to draw attention to the following:

A Vietnamese army of aggression now numbering 250,000 men is in the process of waging a special war of racial extermination in Kampuchea. Having failed in its attempts to demolish the resistance of the Kampuchean people and now totally bogged down and demoralized, this army of aggression is waging a desperate battle on the Kampuchean front. It is diverting humanitarian assistance for its own needs, thus scorning the generosity of the donors. It is exterminating the population of Kampuchea by means of conventional weapons and famine, and is now intensifying the use of chemical weapons and toxic gases.

The present "telegram" reminds international public opinion of another "telegram" which the Hanoi authorities sent to the Security Council in January 1979, when that distinguished body was discussing the Vietnamese aggression in Kampuchea; its authors paid dearly for that telegram, since it subsequently proved to be pure fabrication.

The present manoeuvre is thus not the first which the Hanoi authorities have used to cover up and camouflage their heinous crimes in Kampuchea.

The delegation of Democratic Kampuchea therefore rejects and denounces with the utmost vigour this document and this treacherous manoeuvre by the Vietnamese aggressors.

It is convinced that thanks to the vigilance of all its members the Committee will remain calm and faithful to the noble task entrusted to it as a United Nations body, and will thwart any attempt to discredit the decisions and resolutions of the General Assembly, in particular the attempt to legalize a puppet "government" established and installed by an army of aggression.

Only the delegation of Democratic Kampuchea which represents the people of Kampuchea and the legal Government of Kampuchea should be allowed to take part in the work of the Committee on Disarmament. This will not only be in keeping with the wishes of the international community, but will also help to ensure that the work on disarmament yields fruitful results.