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Letter dated 9 May 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 5 May 1980 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Democratic Kampuchea on the position of the people of Kampuchea and the Government of Democratic Kampuchea concerning the solution to the Kampuchean issue.

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.

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of Democratic Kampuchea

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ANNEX

STATEMENT
BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA

ON THE POSITION OF THE PEOPLE OF KAMPUCHEA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA

CONCERNING
THE SOLUTION TO THE KAMPUCHEA'S ISSUE

- 5 May 1980 -

The plan of decisive offensive carried out by the Le Duan's clique during the 1979-1980 dry season has been totally defeated by the army, guerrillas and people of Kampuchea.

At present, the general situation has obviously shown that the Vietnamese aggressors, expansionists, swallows of territory and exterminators of race have reached a turning point where they are at grips with more and more serious difficulties and are driven into a total sinking in the military, political, economic and financial fields in Kampuchea as well as at home. But despite this emergency and although it is clearly aware of the deep impasse into which it has been driven, the Le Duan's clique is none the less increasing obstinately perfidious manoeuvres in the diplomatic field, carrying out lying propagandas and sordid bargainings aimed at sowing confusion on the point of view and position of the broad international united front which is against its aggressive and expansionist acts and demands that it withdraws all its troops from Kampuchea.

In that situation, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Democratic Kampuchea has to specify in this statement the position of the people of Kampuchea and the government of Democratic Kampuchea concerning the solution to the present Kampuchea's issue, as follows:

1. The people of Kampuchea and the government of Democratic Kampuchea consider that the Kampuchea's issue must be resolved in accordance with the resolution adopted by a vote of 91 to 21 at the 34th United Nations General Assembly which clearly demands that Vietnam

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withdraws all its troops from Kampuchea and let the people of Kampuchea decide by themselves their own destiny. This resolution is the clear expression of the will of the peoples and governments of the overwhelming majority of countries in the world. Besides, so far through bilateral statements made during various visits, through statements by EEC countries and particularly the ASEAN-EEC joint communique, the ASEAN countries and the overwhelming majority of countries in the world have reaffirmed their demand that Vietnam withdraws all its troops from Kampuchea.

2. Democratic Kampuchea, an independent, sovereign, peaceful and genuinely non-aligned country, is victim of the Vietnamese aggression. Thus, Vietnam is violating the fundamental principles governing the international relations and the principles of Non-alignment as well. In order to put an end to this violation, Vietnam must withdraw all its troops from Kampuchea and let the people of Kampuchea choose a national government through general and free elections by secret and direct ballot under the direct supervision of the Secretary-General of the United Nations or his representatives.

It is only by proceeding in this way that Kampuchea will remain independent, united, democratic, peaceful, neutral and genuinely non-aligned, with the guarantee of the United Nations and the world community.

3. The government of Democratic Kampuchea and the people of Kampuchea have reaffirmed time and time again their policy of peaceful coexistence with all countries the world over, especially with all neighbouring countries and peoples including Vietnam and the Vietnamese people. With regard to Vietnam and the Vietnamese people, the government of Democratic Kampuchea and the people of Kampuchea affirm once again that they do not foster any hatred or rancour and they do not require any indemnity provided the Vietnamese troops withdraw totally from Kampuchea. For Kampuchea wishes nothing but to live in peace and security and does not want by no means to wage war. She wants nothing but to mobilize all her resources to resolve and improve the conditions of living of her people and to build up a prosperous country. That is the just position of the people of Kampuchea and the government of Democratic Kampuchea.

The solution to the Kampuchea's issue in accordance with these above-mentioned 3 points is a very realistic, correct and just one, which responds to the aspirations of the people of Kampuchea, to the peoples of South-East Asia and the world over who love peace and justice and oppose the aggression and the use of force and any interference in the international affairs of other countries.
