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Note verbale dated 23 May 1980 from the Permanent Representative
of Hungary to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Hungarian People's Republic to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the Secretary-General's telegram received on 10 May 1980, has the honour to inform him of the position of the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic on the international Meeting on Humanitarian Assistance and Relief to the Kampuchean People.

The Government of the Hungarian People's Republic has always considered assistance to the long-suffering Kampuchean people as a question of primary importance. In accordance with its possibilities, it has always striven to contribute to the implementation of objectives aimed at the reconstruction of Kampuchea and the improvement of the living conditions of the Kampuchean people. The letter of the Permanent Representative of the Hungarian People's Republic to the United Nations dated 9 May 1980 (A/35/254) contained detailed information to this effect. The Hungarian Government intends to pursue this assistance in the future as well.

The Government of the Hungarian People's Republic - as was already pointed out during the first regular session of 1980 of the Economic and Social Council - holds that the existing channels of assistance and relief provided to Kampuchea, as well as the conditions of reception and distribution, are adequate for future practical arrangements concerning assistance and relief. At the same time, it follows with sympathy efforts towards increasing humanitarian assistance and relief. It cannot, however, take part in the work of an international meeting which has been convened without appropriately taking into account all circumstances and without unambiguously ensuring that the meeting would really serve the

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proclaimed humanitarian goals. Therefore, the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic has decided not to be represented at the international meeting to be convened at Geneva on 26 May 1980.

The Permanent Representative of the Hungarian People's Republic to the United Nations kindly requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 12 of the preliminary list.
