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THE SITUATION IN KAMPUCHEA

Letter dated 26 May 1980 from the Permanent Representative  
of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith, for your information, the Declaration, dated 20 May 1980, issued by the International Conference in Support of the Kampuchean People held in Phnom Penh and kindly request you to have this letter and its enclosure circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 22 of the preliminary list.

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Permanent Representative  
of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam  
to the United Nations

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ANNEX

DECLARATION

issued by the International Conference in Support of  
the Kampuchean People

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On the initiative of the World Peace Council, an international conference was held on May 20th in Phnom Penh, Capital of the People's Republic of Kampuchea to reaffirm the militant solidarity and all-round support of the forces of national independence, democracy, peace and social progress, and of the justice-loving social activists throughout the world to the Kampuchean people, victims of Pol Pot - Ieng Sary - Khieu Samphan utterly ruthless genocidal clique and, of the Chinese great-nation expansionism and hegemonism, they have now returned from death back to life under the leadership of the Kampuchean United Front for National Salvation and the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea.

The representatives from various social strata, political leanings, international organizations, from different continents are extremely shocked and indignant at the genocidal crimes, second to none in history, committed by the Pol Pot - Ieng Sary - Khieu Samphan clique. Following the Maoist pattern and under the direct guidance of the Chinese advisers, the Pol Pot - Ieng Sary - Khieu Samphan clique killed some three million Kampuchean people, regardless of sex and age, they also massacred many foreign residents in Kampuchea, all mankind cannot forgive those mass killers who destroyed the Angkor civilization and opposed international law.

The Conference warmly hails the young People's Republic of Kampuchea born on January 7th, 1979, after so many days of struggle, of sacrifices and hardships, the Kampuchean people stood up massively and buried for ever the most brutal regime in Kampuchea's history rigged up blood-thirsty fascists subservient to Beijing expansionist hegemonism, with the great victory of January, the Kampuchean people have regained the right to live, to be a man, the right to free movement, to family reunion, to education, to health care and other freedom and democratic rights, including the greatest of all i.e. the right to be master of their Motherland.

The delegates to the Conference are greatly moved and happy at the achievements, scored in just over a year by the Kampuchean people in all fields : economic, political, cultural and social. These achievements are just a beginning but of extremely great significance, these are Spring flowers promising a bright future in the process of rebirth and growth of a Kampuchea full of vitality. The destiny of Kampuchea is now in the hands of the Kampuchean people, this is an irreversible process.

The Conference unanimously approves the report made by the representative of the People's Republic of Kampuchea and expresses its all-round solidarity with the Kampuchean people in their defence and reconstruction of their country. The Conference also conveys its deep sympathy with the critical difficulties that the Kampuchean United Front for National Salvation, the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea and the entire Kampuchean people have to overcome, difficulties due to colonialism, to the aggressive war waged by American imperialism and the political sway of the Beijing expansionism and hegemonism.

The birth of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, the building of Kampuchea into a peaceful, independent, democratic, neutral and non-aligned country, step by step advancing toward socialism, Kampuchea's foreign policy of peace, friendship and cooperation with other countries, particularly with its neighbouring countries on the basis of respect for the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity of the others, of non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit, are important factors in stabilizing the situation in Southeast Asia.

The Conference values highly the selfless all-round assistance that Viet Nam gives to Kampuchea in keeping with the age-old tradition of solidarity between the two nations in the common struggle against imperialism and colonialism in which they have shared weal and woe, in accordance with the United Nations Charter and the Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Cooperation signed between the two countries in February 1979, in conformity with the principles of the non-aligned movement. Such assistance for the sake of the two peoples aims at ensuring that each country manages its own affairs, without foreign interference, in the interests of the safeguard of peace, stability and security in Southeast Asia.

The Conference warmly hails the great and precious aid that the Soviet Union, the other socialist countries as well as many non-aligned countries, many peace- and justice-loving countries, many international organizations and all persons endowed with conscience in the world have provided to the Kampuchean people thus wholeheartedly helping them come back to life and overcome innumerable difficulties in their defence and reconstruction of their country.

The conference appeals to all countries, national and international organizations and persons of good will to give the Kampuchean people the greatest possible help, material and spiritual, including food grains and foodstuffs, medicines, school implements, working tools, means of transportation, etc. The Conference calls on all countries to recognize as soon as possible the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea which is the only genuine legitimate representative of the Kampuchean people, is effectively controlling the whole territory of Kampuchea and all aspects of Kampuchea's affairs. Early recognition of the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea conforms to both the actual situation in Kampuchea and international law and contribute to stabilizing the situation in Southeast Asia.

*The Conference calls on the United Nations and its agencies to expel immediately the genocidal Pol Pot - Ieng Sary - Khieu Samphan out of its ranks and return the seat of Kampuchea to the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea. Only the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea - the sole genuine and legitimate representative of Kampuchea - can have the right to represent the Kampuchean people at the United Nations as well as in all other international organizations and forums.*

*The delegates to this international conference in solidarity with the Kampuchean people severely denounce Beijing, U.S. imperialism and other counter-revolutionary forces for their continued intervention in the internal affairs of Kampuchea and their setting up of "sanctuaries" in Thailand to attack Kampuchea. They must bear the entire responsibility for the tension in Southeast Asia. The Conference demands that they stop at once and for ever their attempts to revitalize the genocidal Pol Pot - Ieng Sary - Khieu Samphan clique and all activities of intervention in the internal affairs of Kampuchea.*

*With the splendid Angkor civilization Kampuchea is a source of pride for human civilization.*

*Kampuchea cannot be destroyed.*

*Kampuchea has come back from death and Kampuchea will live ever lastingly. No expansionist, imperialist and counter-revolutionary forces can subjugate her.*

*Solidarity with the People's Republic of Kampuchea is the heart and mind deed of billions of people.*

*Let the forces of national independence, democracy, peace and progress in the world, let the whole progressive mankind give the Kampuchean people the most unfailing solidarity and greatest support !*

*Phnom Penh, May 20, 1980*

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