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Letter dated 20 April 1987 from the Permanent Representative of
China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of the statement issued on 15 April 1987 by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China concerning the illegal occupation by the Vietnamese authorities of some of China's Nansha Islands (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and the full text of its enclosure circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 73, 131 and 140 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) LI Luyue
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to the United Nations

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 15 April 1987 by the spokesman
of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China

Recently the Vietnamese authorities have once again encroached upon China's territorial integrity and sovereignty by brazenly sending troops to Bojiao Island of China's Nansha Islands and illegally occupying it. The Chinese Government has stated on many occasions that Nansha Islands as well as Xisha Islands, Zhongsha Islands and Dongsha Islands have always been China's sacred territory and that China has the indisputable sovereign right over these islands and their adjacent waters, which brook no encroachment by any country under whatever excuse and in whatever form. The Chinese Government strongly condemns the Vietnamese authorities for their illegal invasion and occupation of some islands of China's Nansha Islands, and firmly demands that the Vietnamese side withdraw its troops from all the illegally-occupied islands of Nansha Islands. The Chinese Government reserves the right to recover these occupied islands at an appropriate time.
