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Letter dated 22 May 1987 from the Permanent Representative  
of Singapore to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

On behalf of the Permanent Missions to the United Nations of the States Members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement issued by Mr. S. Dhanabalan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore, in his capacity as Chairman of the ASEAN Standing Committee, and released on 11 May 1987 in Singapore, stressing ASEAN's grave concern at the continued presence of Vietnamese troops on Thai territory.

I would be grateful if this letter and its enclosure could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 24 and 42 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kishore MAHBUBANI

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 11 May 1987 by the Chairman of the  
ASEAN Standing Committee and Minister for Foreign  
Affairs of Singapore

Between January and March 1987, Thailand successfully dislodged Vietnamese troops from Thai territory at Hills 362, 382, 396 and 408, which are located as deep as 5 kilometres from the Thai-Cambodian and Thai-Laotian borders in the vicinity of Chong Bok Pass, Ubon Ratchathani Province. Notwithstanding this success, ASEAN still notes with grave concern the continued presence of Vietnamese troops on Hill 500 in nearby rough terrain, some 2 kilometres inside Thailand. Thai troops are still trying to dislodge them from Thai territory and have in the process suffered many casualties.

The present Vietnamese occupation of Thai territory is not only a clear violation of international law and the Charter of the United Nations but also a violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Thailand. It is with the same disregard for international law and the Charter of the United Nations that Viet Nam has occupied Cambodia with more than 140,000 troops since 1979.

ASEAN strongly condemns Viet Nam for its present aggression against Thailand and calls on Viet Nam to withdraw its troops immediately from Thai territory.

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