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Letter dated 20 June 1979 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for your information, a telegram dated 16 June 1979 sent by the Prime Minister of Democratic Kampuchea, Pol Pot, to His Excellency Mr. Kriangsak Chomanan, Prime Minister of Thailand.

I should be very grateful if you would arrange for this telegram to be issued as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 46 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) CHAN Youran
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of Democratic Kampuchea

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ANNEX

Telegram dated 16 June 1979 from the Prime Minister of Democratic
Kampuchea to the Prime Minister of Thailand

I have received your letter dated 12 June 1979. Your Excellency has explained the problem of refugees which has become a heavy political, economic and social burden for Thailand, as well as a serious threat to its national security. I fully agree with you that immediate and efficient measures should be taken in solving this problem.

The problem of refugees from Viet Nam, Laos and Kampuchea is a dreadful one and is becoming a great danger which threatens the security and economy as well as the whole society of many countries in South-East Asia, Asia and the world, at present and in the future, particularly of the next-door neighbouring South-East Asian countries.

The Government of Democratic Kampuchea, like all Governments of South-East Asian countries and all other countries the world over, has paid great attention to this problem.

The root cause of this problem is the Hanoi authorities, who are carrying out a policy of looting, exploiting and oppressing the Vietnamese people and the traffic in refugees in Viet Nam while they are carrying out a policy of aggression, expansion, swallowing territories and exterminating nations in Kampuchea and Laos, aiming at pursuing their aggression and expansion in South-East Asia, Asia and in the Pacific. The Hanoi authorities are not only the cause of the exodus of the Vietnamese refugees, but they are also the incendiaries who have put Kampuchea to fire and sword, sown death over the people of Kampuchea and caused them innumerable separations from their homeland. They are also the incendiaries who have burned villages and housing and uprooted a great mass of Lao people from their country. Everywhere they put their feet, they destroy existence, peace and tranquillity and uproot the people from their country. It is this baleful policy of the Hanoi authorities which is the root cause of the phenomenon of the exodus of refugees from Viet Nam, Laos and Kampuchea, a historical one never known before, and is dreadfully shaking South-East Asia, Asia and the whole world.

As for the problem of the Vietnamese refugees, the entire world has demanded for years that the Hanoi authorities solve this problem, but the latter have totally despised world public opinion. On the contrary, they have further increased the number of refugees in accordance with their policy of expelling more people and carrying out the traffic of refugees.

Moreover, they have swallowed Laos, aggressed Kampuchea and unscrupulously carried out the policy of exterminating nations in Kampuchea, creating then this phenomenon of the exodus of refugees from Kampuchea and Laos.

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Concerning the problem of refugees whose number has been unceasingly increasing due to the criminal policy of the Hanoi authorities and which is becoming a serious danger, at present and in the future, threatening many countries in the world, especially in South-East Asia, the Government of Democratic Kampuchea thinks that it is necessary to convene an international conference within the framework of the United Nations or any other kind of international conference to clearly determine the root cause of this problem and to take efficient measures in solving it.

As for the problem of Kampuchea's people who have fled the war, its root cause is the war of aggression perpetrated by the Hanoi authorities against Kampuchea and their policy of exterminating the nation of Kampuchea. The only way to solve this problem is to force the Hanoi authorities to totally withdraw their troops and forces of aggression from Kampuchea. Otherwise, they will continue their repression and massacres and pursue their policy of barbarously exterminating the nation of Kampuchea, sowing death and causing separations and exodus. Therefore, all the peace- and justice-loving Governments and countries the world over should intensify their activities in forcing the Hanoi authorities to totally withdraw their troops and forces of aggression from Kampuchea, continue to further strongly condemn them, to take political, diplomatic and economical measures and cut off all aid to Viet Nam, depriving it of any possibility of pursuing its policy of aggression and annexation against Kampuchea.

The same holds true in respect of the problem of refugees from Laos. The only way to solve it is to force the Hanoi authorities to withdraw its troops from Laos and let the Lao people have the right to live in peace and tranquillity in their own territory.

As for the problem of Vietnamese refugees, it can be solved only when the Hanoi authorities have been prevented from carrying out their regional expansionism, their policy of aggression, annexation and swallowing territories against Kampuchea and other neighbouring countries and their policy of looting, exploiting and oppressing the Vietnamese people and when they have been forced to turn back to use their efforts in solving the living conditions of the Vietnamese people. Otherwise, all statements made by the Hanoi authorities alleging that they strive to solve the refugee problem are nothing but lies. And more hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese people will be compelled to flee their country because of starvation and to escape from being forcibly enlisted in the army by the Hanoi authorities and from dying at their place in the war of aggression against Kampuchea. However the world may try to organize receiving the Vietnamese refugees, it would not be able to solve this problem.

The Government of Democratic Kampuchea avails itself of this opportunity to state that it totally approves the measures taken by the Government of Thailand in returning the Kampuchean people who have temporarily taken shelter on Thai territory to the Government of Democratic Kampuchea. It fully understands the motives of the measures taken by the Government of Thailand in this matter and so far has successively received the returned Kampuchean people. The Government

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of Democratic Kampuchea would like then to express its sincere thanks to the Government and people of Thailand for kindly providing food, according to their possibilities, to the people of Kampuchea who fled the war. These Kampuchean have been compelled to escape from the Vietnamese troops of aggression. Therefore, the Government of Democratic Kampuchea has the duty to welcome them back. Despite difficulties caused by the barbarous war of aggression perpetrated by the Hanoi authorities, the Government of Democratic Kampuchea will fully take in charge all these returned Kampuchean people and will co-operate with the Government of Thailand in this matter.

As for the other refugees including the Vietnamese refugees, the Government of Thailand has fully the independent and sovereign right to refuse to accept them no more. It has the full right to take appropriate measures in conformity with the interests of the defence of Thailand's security. The burden of these refugees affects the defence, economy and social situation of Thailand. If these refugees continue to be accepted, the Thai people will shoulder a more and more heavy burden and will face more and more difficulties. Therefore, the Government of Democratic Kampuchea agrees with the measures decided by the Government of Thailand.

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Prime Minister of the
Government of Democratic Kampuchea