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Letter dated 25 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 to you herewith, for your information, a telegraphic message dated 23 June 1979 addressed to you by the Chairman of the State Presidium of Democratic Kampuchea, Khieu Samphan, in which he draws your attention to:

First, the problem of the Kampuchean nationals fleeing Vietnamese massacres who seek temporary refuge in Thailand;

Second, the problem of the Vietnamese nationals whom the Hanoi authorities are bringing from their own country in order to settle them in Kampuchean territory in place of the indigenous populations previously wiped out under their policy of exterminating the Kampuchean race.

On instructions from my Government, I should be greatly obliged if you would circulate this important message as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 46 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) CHAN Youran
Acting Permanent Representative
of Democratic Kampuchea

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ANNEX

Telegraphic message dated 23 June 1979 from the Chairman of the
State Presidium of Democratic Kampuchea addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward this message to you in order to draw your attention to two problems on which world opinion is still uninformed, because they are kept hidden by the Hanoi authorities. Yet these cases are quite as distressing and tragic as that of refugees, if not more so, since they concern the fate of hundreds of thousands and millions of inhabitants of Kampuchea, now undergoing immeasurable sufferings and misfortunes under the demoniacal yoke of the Vietnamese aggressors.

1. The problem of the Kampuchean nationals fleeing Vietnamese massacres who seek temporary refuge in Thailand.

This problem has arisen from the war of aggression being waged by the Hanoi authorities, who are sowing devastation and ruin in Kampuchea and subjecting the Kampuchean people to veritable genocide. This war is causing the Thai Government many difficulties while constituting a serious threat to the defence, security, economy and entire society of Thailand.

Despite the tremendous difficulties resulting from the barbarous war of aggression of the Hanoi authorities, the Government of Democratic Kampuchea has joined its efforts with those of the Thai Government in seeking ad hoc solutions to this problem. It has accordingly taken back all these Kampuchean refugees, allowing them to re-enter the country in batches of tens of thousands and applying ad hoc solutions with regard to their living and working conditions. However, all our successive efforts to arrive at a final solution of the problem of Kampuchean refugees have proved incapable of succeeding because they have been thwarted every time by the attacks and the sweep operations which the Vietnamese forces of aggression are constantly launching against the civilian population. In order to escape a massacre, the latter are forced once again to seek temporary refuge in Thailand.

The lot of all these refugees is particularly tragic. It is even more so than that of other refugees, since all these innocent people are direct victims of the war of devastation and of the genocide perpetrated by the Vietnamese aggressors. Wherever they go, the latter engage in massacres and acts of banditry, destroying and looting everything - crops, rice, livestock and homes. Those refugees who were able to escape a massacre the first time have to flee from the Vietnamese troops again, in fact repeatedly, never seeing an end to it. And each time all families, without exception, suffer severely either through separation or loss or from the machine-gunning, heavy bombing and artillery barrages laid down by the Vietnamese forces of aggression against villages, roads or forests. Even old people,

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children and pregnant women do not escape these massacres. This is something which should stagger the conscience of mankind.

2. The problem of the Vietnamese nationals whom the Hanoi authorities are bringing from their own country in order to settle them in Kampuchean territory in place of the indigenous populations previously wiped out under their policy of exterminating the Kampuchean race.

The purpose of the Hanoi authorities in behaving in this way is to complete their policy of settling nothing but Vietnamese throughout the territory of Kampuchea.

The Kampuchean people are thus in mortal danger from the Hanoi authorities, who are now carrying out a policy of systematic extermination against the Kampuchean race and endeavouring to erase Kampuchea from the map of the world.

The Hanoi authorities have been bold enough to deport hundreds of thousands of their fellow-countrymen onto the high seas, before the eyes of the whole world. Why then should they hesitate to subject the Kampuchean people to genocide or to wipe out the Kampuchean race without any awareness on the part of world opinion?

Accordingly, towards the end of May 1979, the Hanoi authorities settled nearly 200,000 Vietnamese nationals in Kampuchean territory, distributing them throughout the coastal and eastern provinces. And now, while continuing the genocide against the Kampuchean people, forcing them to leave their country, the Hanoi authorities are bringing in Vietnamese nationals and systematically settling them in Kampuchean territory.

Here, then, is another aspect of the Hanoi authorities' policy of exporting refugees of which world opinion is still unaware. But this policy is even more barbarous and even more staggering to the conscience of mankind than that practised towards other refugees, because it is a most cruel and most savage act of aggression for which the Vietnamese forces of aggression constitute the spearhead, burning everything, destroying everything, subjecting the people of Kampuchea to veritable genocide and settling Vietnamese nationals in Kampuchean territory. It is an act without precedent in human history. The Hanoi authorities are swallowing up Kampuchea and wiping out the Kampuchean race by subjecting the Kampuchean people to veritable genocide, unknown to the entire world. This is something that is not only tragic but also shocking to the conscience of all mankind.

We should be grateful if you would submit the two problems described above for discussion at the next international conference on refugees, with a view to finding a timely and appropriate solution, in the name of the Charter of the United Nations, of international law, of humanity, of justice and of all mankind.

The Government of Democratic Kampuchea is sure that you will give your full attention to the two problems mentioned above and will make suitable approaches in

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accordance with the aspirations of the Kampuchean people. We also hope that you will use all your authority to induce the conference on refugees to demand that the Hanoi authorities end their policy of exporting Vietnamese nationals to Kampuchean territory, desist from all acts of genocide against the Kampuchean people, withdraw all their forces of aggression from Kampuchea and leave the Kampuchean people to settle their own problems for themselves without outside interference, so as to put an end to the suffering and devastation which the Kampuchean people are now undergoing.

KHIEU SAMPHAN
Chairman of the State Presidium
of Democratic Kampuchea
