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

At the request of His Excellency Mr. Hun Sen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, for your information, a statement of 13 June 1980 by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea strongly condemning the so-called voluntary repatriation of Kampuchean refugees by the Thai authorities and calling for an end to all hostile actions on their part against the People's Republic of Kampuchea.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and the statement circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 22 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) HA VAN LAU  
Permanent Representative of the  
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam  
to the United Nations

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ANNEX

Statement by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
of the People's Republic of Kampuchea denouncing and  
condemning the scheme to expel Kampuchean refugees

According to the Bangkok Post of 10 June 1980 and recent reports by Western news agencies, the Thai authorities have been actively preparing to carry out what they refer to as "a programme for the voluntary repatriation of Kampuchean refugees in Thailand". According to the same sources, the repatriation is to begin at the camp at Sakeo, which is in Thai territory and is completely controlled by agents of Pol Pot. Remnants of the Pol Pot forces disguised as "refugees" who have been fed, trained and well equipped at the camp are preparing to return to Kampuchea in order to carry out their rainy-season plan, oppose the revolutionary power of Kampuchea and sabotage the peaceful construction of the Kampuchean people. The same sources state that the local Thai military authorities will assume the task of transporting these mercenaries to the frontier, which they will cross at four points.

This is a new and extremely serious step reflecting Thailand's hostile attitude towards the People's Republic of Kampuchea, which is further exacerbating the already very tense situation along the frontier between the two countries and is posing a threat to the peace and stability of the region.

It should be recalled that since 28 February of this year the Revolutionary People's Council has indicated its willingness to open discussions with the Thai authorities on the repatriation of Kampuchean refugees. Recently, on 6 June 1980, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea again proposed that meetings should be held between representatives of the two countries at any level whatever, as soon as possible and in a form appropriate for the discussion of urgent measures aimed at putting an end to the tense situation in the frontier region between the two countries and solving other problems affecting the two parties.

The question which must be answered is whether the Thai authorities really wish to solve the problem of the Kampuchean refugees. If they do, why have they refused on several occasions to discuss the matter with the Government of the People's Republic of Kampuchea? The history of international relations is not lacking in examples of countries which, even though they did not recognize each other, met for the purpose of discussing and resolving their disagreements, particularly frontier problems.

The attitude of the Thai authorities shows that they are stubbornly refusing to recognize reality in Kampuchea and that they are persisting in their collusion with the international imperialists and reactionaries in order to carry out their schemes for sabotage and subversion against the People's Republic of Kampuchea.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea reaffirms once again that these vile schemes will be crushed. The situation in Kampuchea is irreversible.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea strongly denounces and condemns this deliberate hostility on the part of the Thai authorities and demands that they put an end to the use being made of Thai territory in order to oppose the Kampuchean people and that they desist from their schemes for taking advantage of the question of the Kampuchean refugees and of "humanitarian aid" in order to engage in interference and aggression against Kampuchea and sabotage the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the People's Republic of Kampuchea. The Thai authorities will have to bear full responsibility for the consequences of their own acts.

Phnom Penh, 13 June 1980

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