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Letter dated 8 September 1980 from the Permanent Representative  
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 text distributed by the Ministry of Information of Democratic Kampuchea concerning the crimes of the Le-Duan clique of Hanoi in its aggression against Kampuchea.

I should be grateful if you would have this text circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 22, 34 and 76 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

THE CRIMES OF THE LE-DUAN CLIQUE OF HANOI IN ITS AGGRESSION  
AGAINST KAMPUCHEA

For nearly two years, in the war of aggression and racial extermination which it has waged against Kampuchea, the Le-Duan clique of Hanoi has committed against the nation and people of Kampuchea monstrous crimes the likes of which have never before been seen in the history of Kampuchea or of mankind.

1. By the acts of aggression it has committed in order to annex Kampuchea, the Le-Duan clique of Hanoi has violated the Charter of the United Nations, of which Viet Nam itself is a member. It has violated the universally recognized and respected principles of the non-aligned movement, of which Viet Nam is also a member. It has violated every rule of international law governing relations between States. It has violated the five principles of peaceful coexistence. All this clearly proves that the Le-Duan clique of Hanoi is nothing more than a mob of the most barbaric, ultra-fascist bandits who flout every rule of international law. The Le-Duan clique lives by brutal force alone, and this the world cannot tolerate. It does not meet any of the criteria for membership in the United Nations or in the non-aligned movement. It is nothing but a band of annexationist, warmongering aggressors. That is why it finds no one to listen to its shabby peace propaganda.

2. In its aggression aimed at the annexation of Kampuchea, the Le-Duan clique of Hanoi is waging a veritable war of extermination against the people and nation of Kampuchea and is perpetrating vast destruction and monstrous crimes. In the nearly two years since its invasion of Kampuchea, it has steadily built up its forces of aggression in Kampuchea - Vietnamese troops and other personnel who now number more than 300,000. To date, it has massacred nearly 3 million inhabitants of Kampuchea, and prosecuting its war of destruction it continues each day to massacre thousands, using famine, conventional and chemical weapons and toxic gases.

3. The Le-Duan clique of Hanoi has created a widespread famine in Kampuchea that is without precedent in the history of Kampuchea and of the human race. That is the most fascistic and barbaric of its criminal exploits. It has already destroyed all the economic resources of the nation and people of Kampuchea. Now it is seeking to wipe out what little our people has been endeavouring to produce under the most difficult conditions. But that is not enough to satisfy the Le-Duan clique. It is pursuing and killing en masse those who, in order to survive, dare to leave their villages to do a bit of farming or to gather sweet potatoes or wild roots. The humanitarian assistance which the international community has sacrificed so much to send to the victimized people of Kampuchea is being plundered by the Le-Duan clique. Some of this assistance is being used to strip the Kampuchean people of everything, for it is sold in return for what little gold or family property the people still have.

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4. The Le-Duan clique of Hanoi has forced hundreds of thousands of Kampuchean to seek refuge in foreign countries, particularly in Thailand, and has made the people of Kampuchea refugees in their own country, forced to flee their villages, separated from their families and suffering indescribable hardship. The exodus set in motion by the Le-Duan clique has resulted in untold suffering for our people. It also places a heavy burden on Thailand and the Thai people from a political, economic and social as well as a national-security standpoint. In addition, the exodus has profoundly affected the international community, which, unable to bear the sight of so much suffering, has provided humanitarian assistance to the people of Kampuchea, the victim of the war of aggression and racial extermination waged by the Le-Duan clique of Hanoi.

5. In its war of racial extermination against Kampuchea, the Le-Duan clique has, systematically and according to a preconceived plan, resorted to the use of all kinds of weapons of mass destruction, including weapons prohibited under international law, such as chemical weapons and toxic gases. Chemical weapons and toxic gases are being used throughout Kampuchea, especially in the remote areas, the forested and mountainous regions that are inaccessible to the Vietnamese troops of aggression. In addition, according to the same preconceived plan and in an equally systematic manner, the Le-Duan clique is poisoning the people in their villages and even in their homes by spreading toxic chemicals in their water sources (ponds, rivers, reservoirs, wells, etc.) and in household cisterns, or by mixing toxic substances with maize and rice sold to the people.

6. This war of racial extermination being waged by the Le-Duan clique against the people and nation of Kampuchea not only has sown death and destruction in Kampuchea but is also a threat to Thailand, against which the Le-Duan clique has already committed acts of aggression. The Thai population, particularly that of the regions bordering on Kampuchea, is the victim of these criminal acts. The independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Thailand, an independent and sovereign country, are directly threatened by these acts of aggression by the Le-Duan clique.

7. The presence in Kampuchea of Vietnamese forces of aggression totalling more than 300,000 men, of whom more than 250,000 are soldiers, and in particular their concentration along the Kampuchean-Thai border present a most serious threat to the whole of South-East Asia, the strategic strait of Malacca, the South Pacific region and the eastern part of the Indian Ocean. The peace and stability of this region are in danger. This situation directly affects both this region and those countries which have ties with this region in terms of political and economic relations and of supply routes and strategic interests. That is a most barbarous crime on the part of the Le-Duan clique and results from its aggression against Kampuchea. It should be noted that the Le-Duan clique is continuing to intensify its acts of aggression and expansion both in Kampuchea and in Laos and is trying to push towards the south with the backing of the Soviet Union, combining all its forces with those of the Soviet Union and offering the latter Viet Nam as a military base of aggression. Thus, the danger resulting from the acts of aggression and expansion of the Le-Duan clique is not simply an immediate

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danger of concern to South-East Asia alone but one which derives from a long-term strategy.

That is why the people of Kampuchea, the Government of Democratic Kampuchea and the Front for the Great Patriotic and Democratic National Union of Kampuchea, the countries and peoples of South-East Asia and the countries which have links with the region are concerned about the vital interests of their nations and their peoples in the face of the acts of aggression and the expansionist strategy of Viet Nam and the Soviet Union. That is why they have directed all their efforts towards opposing and preventing the aggression and expansion of the Le-Duan clique, which is bent on destroying the independence, sovereignty, peace and stability of the countries of the region.

All these crimes of the Le-Duan clique show clearly that peace is the last of its concerns. Its true nature is that of a barbarous aggressor and expansionist.

The proposal of the Le-Duan clique of Hanoi for a so-called zone of peace in South-East Asia is merely a crafty manoeuvre designed to camouflage its strategy of aggression and expansion as well as that of its Soviet master in South-East Asia. The international community will surely continue to condemn them in the United Nations and in other international forums and to exert even greater political, diplomatic and economic pressure upon them.

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