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THE RIGHT OF PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND ITS  
APPLICATION TO PEOPLES UNDER COLONIAL OR ALIEN  
DOMINATION OR FOREIGN OCCUPATION

Letter dated 18 January 1988, from the Permanent Representative  
of Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations Office at Geneva,  
addressed to the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights

I have the honour to enclose herewith, for your information, the text of the press communiqué dated 16 January 1988 which was issued after the meeting of the representatives of the three partners in the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea

I should be grateful if you would kindly arrange for this text to be circulated as an official document of the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-fourth session under item 9 of the provisional agenda: "The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation".

(Signed)

NGO Hac Team  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

Annex

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

1. On 16 January 1988, H.R.H. Prince Norodom Ranariddh, the personal representative of H.R.H. Samdech Norodon Sihanouk to Cambodia and Asia and Commander-in-Chief of the Sihanoukian National Army, H.E. Mr. Son Sen, Minister, Member of the Co-ordinating Committee on Defence and Commander-in-Chief of the National Army of Democratic Kampuchea, and H.E. Mr. Im Chhoudeth, Minister, Member of the Co-ordinating Committee on Defence and Representative of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front, met to discuss the current situation on the battlefield in Kampuchea.
2. The meeting expressed its satisfaction with the favourable development and with the victories of the three patriotic forces in their common struggle against the Vietnamese aggressors during the past year 1987, the struggle that has driven the latter into a more bogged down situation.
3. The meeting exchanged views and was unanimous on the strategy and tactics in pursuing more actively their common fight against the Vietnamese aggressors on the battlefield during this year 1988 until the last Vietnamese soldier is driven out of Kampuchea.
4. The meeting was also pleased to note that the Kampuchean people as well as the Khmer soldiers, self-defence guards and civil servants forcibly enlisted by the Vietnamese have more actively participated in the national liberation struggle.
5. The meeting seized this opportunity to appeal:
  - (i) To the three armed forces of the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea (CGDK) to increase their co-operation in the struggle against the Vietnamese aggressors, in pursuance of the instructions of H.R.H. Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, President of Democratic Kampuchea, to the three armed forces of the CGDK to continue to struggle until the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam accepts to negotiate with the CGDK, having H.R.H. Samdech Norodom Sihanouk as President of Democratic Kampuchea, a political settlement of the problem of Kampuchea by withdrawing all its forces from Kampuchea so as to enable the Kampuchean people to exercise their right to self-determination, free from outside interference;
  - (ii) To the whole people of Kampuchea as well as to the Khmer soldiers, self-defence guards and civil servants forcibly enlisted by the Vietnamese to join more actively in the national liberation struggle;
  - (iii) To peace-, justice- and independence-loving countries and peoples in the world to continue to support the Kampuchean people's struggle under the leadership of the CGDK with H.R.H. Samdech Norodom Sihanouk as President of Democratic Kampuchea.
6. The meeting took place in a very cordial and fraternal atmosphere.

16 January 1988

(Signed) NORODOM RANARIDDH

(Signed) SON SEN

(Signed) IM CHHOUDETH