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LETTER DATED 7 JANUARY 1979 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF CHINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a statement issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China on 7 January 1979 denouncing Viet Nam's current massive war of aggression against Kampuchea. I request that this statement be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) CHEN Chu  
Permanent Representative of the  
People's Republic of China to  
the United Nations

Annex

Statement issued by the Government of the People's Republic  
of China on 7 January 1979

Recently, the reactionary authorities of Viet Nam have brazenly dispatched a dozen or so divisions, supported by many planes, tanks and guns, to wage a new massive war of aggression against Democratic Kampuchea and occupied a large part of its territory. Viet Nam has carried out indiscriminate bombings and engaged in burning, killing and pillage in Kampuchea, causing very serious damage and loss of lives and properties of the Kampuchean people. The Vietnamese aggressors have committed towering crimes. This is a flagrant act of armed aggression against Kampuchea by the Vietnamese hegemonists. It is a grave provocation to the countries in South-East Asia, the Asia-Pacific region and all the world, and also to peace-loving people all over the world.

As is known to all, it is to serve the Soviet Union in its expansionist strategic plan that the Vietnamese authorities have invaded Kampuchea so recklessly. Viet Nam's attempt to annex Kampuchea by force and set up an "Indochinese Federation" under its control is a major step in pushing its own regional hegemony and an important part of the Soviet drive for hegemony in Asia and the Far East. If Viet Nam's aggressive ambition should be fulfilled, not only would the Indochinese peoples be subjected to enslavement and all South-East Asian countries faced with direct threat from the Soviet Union and Viet Nam, but the Soviet Union would be enabled to link up its drive for hegemony in the Pacific with that in the Indian Ocean, thus seriously endangering the peace, security and stability of the Asia-Pacific region and the world as a whole.

At present, all Kampuchean army men and people are rallied closely round the Government of Democratic Kampuchea and putting up a heroic and tenacious fight to defend their national independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity against their common enemy, the Vietnamese invaders. The Kampuchean people's just struggle has won the sympathy and support of all justice-upholding countries and people in Asia and the world. History shows that all aggressors eventually get the opposite of what they want and end up in ignominious failure. An aggressor's day of ascendancy is the beginning of his defeat.

The Chinese Government and people are very much concerned about the grave situation Kampuchea faces. We have always supported the Kampuchean Government and people in their just struggle against aggression. We resolutely support the just position of the Government of Democratic Kampuchea expressed in its 2 January statement and its reasonable demand for an emergency meeting of the Security Council and for United Nations intervention. We firmly support the Kampuchean people in their effort to fight their sacred national war of self-defence to the end. We hope that all the countries and people interested in peace and stability in South-East Asia, Asia and the world will take every possible measure to stop the Vietnamese authorities' savage aggression against a sovereign State.

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