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OF VIET NAM TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the statement dated 5 January 1979 made by the Central Committee of the Kampuchea National United Front for National Salvation, rejecting slanders by the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique for your information and request you to have it circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) HA VAN LAU
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations

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Kampuchean Front rejects slanders by Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique

HANOI VNA JANUARY 6 - The Central Committee of the Kampuchea National United Front for National Salvation on 5 January issued the following statement from the liberated area of Kampuchea:

Of late, the reactionary Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique, henchmen of international reaction, has spread slanders distorting the just struggle of the Kampuchean people. For the same purpose, on 31 December 1978 and 1 January 1979, they raised a hue and cry and appealed to the Chairman of the United Nations Security Council.

Through this manoeuvre, the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique aims at negating the role of the Kampuchea National United Front for National Salvation, the only authentic representative of the Kampuchean people and leader of the present struggle conducted by the people and revolutionary armed forces against its ruthless rule, and at hoodwinking the world public, in an attempt to save itself from collapse.

The Central Committee of the Kampuchea National United Front for National Salvation completely rejects this slanderous and deceptive move of the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique in trying to bring the Kampuchean problem to the United Nations Security Council. It is public knowledge that since the Kampuchean people's total victory on 17 April 1975, the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique of traitors has imposed an utterly ruthless rule, perpetrating innumerable crimes against the Kampuchean people and threatening the Kampuchean nation with extinction. To save the country and themselves the Kampuchean people of all strata, even administrative personnel and soldiers of the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary régime, are bravely rising up to overthrow the clique. This struggle, developing vigorously, has naturally led to the founding of the Kampuchea National United Front for National Salvation and has since recorded one victory after another, liberating many vast areas.

The patriotic struggle for the overthrow of the reactionary Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique is a just one and an internal affair of Kampuchea to be settled by the Kampuchean people themselves. The Kampuchea National United Front for National Salvation, the only genuine representative of the Kampuchean people, must have its voice heard at any United Nations discussion on the Kampuchean question.

The Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique, which has betrayed the interests of the people and the nation, cannot represent anyone. The world's people have long seen its true nature and have strongly condemned its loathsome rule. Whatever deception it may resort to, this clique cannot fool anyone and will be humiliatingly defeated.

The Kampuchea National United Front for National Salvation, on behalf of the Kampuchean people, appeals to the Governments and peoples in south-east Asia and of other countries in the world, and to international and national organizations to

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give, for the sake of peace and justice, their sympathy and support to the just struggle waged by the Kampuchean people for a peaceful, independent, free, democratic, progressive and prosperous Kampuchea. This will help consolidate peace and stability in south-east Asia and the rest of the world.

Under the banner of justice upheld by the Kampuchea National United Front for National Salvation, the Kampuchean people will certainly succeed in ousting the reactionary Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique. The destiny of Kampuchea must be determined by the Kampuchean people.
