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LETTER DATED 9 JANUARY 1979 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF INDONESIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement by the Foreign Minister of the Republic of Indonesia, Dr. Mochtar Kusumaatmadja, as Chairman of the ASEAN Standing Committee, concerning the escalation of the Viet Nam-Kampuchea conflict, on behalf of the five ASEAN Foreign Ministers.

In issuing this statement, the Indonesian Foreign Minister further observed that the statement is issued in advance of the meeting of the ASEAN Foreign Ministers scheduled to be held in Bangkok on 12-13 January 1979, which will give further consideration to this matter.

I would like to request that this statement be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Purbo S. SUWONDO
Ambassador
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

Annex

Statement issued in Jakarta on 9 January 1979 by the
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia as Chairman
of the ASEAN Standing Committee, concerning the
escalation of the Viet Nam-Kampuchea conflict, on
behalf of the five ASEAN Foreign Ministers

I have been authorized by the ASEAN Foreign Ministers to make the following statement:

1. The ASEAN member countries deeply deplore the current escalation and enlargement of the armed conflict between two Indochinese States. They express grave concern over the implications of this development and its impact on the peace, security and stability in south-east Asia.
2. The ASEAN member countries reaffirmed that peace and stability are essential for the national development of the respective countries in the region of south-east Asia.
3. In conformity with the principles of the United Nations Charter, and of the Bandung Declaration, and mindful of the solemn pledges enunciated by the countries in south-east Asia, they call upon all countries in the region strictly to respect each other's independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and political system; to refrain from using force or threatening to use force in their bilateral relations, from interfering in each other's internal affairs and from carrying out subversive activities, directly or indirectly, against each other; to settle all differences between the countries by peaceful means through negotiations, in a spirit of equality, mutual understanding and respect.
4. The ASEAN member countries are convinced that for the sake of peace, stability and development in south-east Asia, the countries concerned should respect more fully these principles and pledges.
5. The ASEAN countries welcome and support the convening of the United Nations Security Council to discuss the Viet Nam-Kampuchea conflict and strongly urge the Council to take the necessary and appropriate actions to restore peace, security and stability in Indo-China. In this context, they believe that a visit by the United Nations Secretary-General or his special representative to the area would be useful.
