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LETTER DATED 14 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 14 January 1979.
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 of the Government of the People's Republic
of China dated 14 January 1979

In late December last year, the Vietnamese aggressors, aided and abetted by Soviet social imperialism, launched a frenzied and savage aggression on an unprecedented scale against Democratic Kampuchea in defiance of the strong opposition of the world's people and the stern condemnation of international opinion. Relying on their superior military equipment and numerical strength and employing blitzkrieg tactics, the Vietnamese authorities made a reckless thrust into Kampuchea and have occupied most of its cities and large tracts of its land, putting the resisting Kampuchean army and people at a great disadvantage. The Kampuchean Government has led the entire army and people in making a timely change in strategic policy. Basing themselves on the vast country-side, mountains and jungles, they have unfolded a massive people's guerrilla war in a sustained struggle against the invading enemy troops, swamping the latter in a vast ocean of people's war so as ultimately to annihilate them and liberate the occupied territories.

The Vietnamese expansionists have temporarily gained the upper hand in Kampuchea. This change in the Kampuchean war situation poses a direct threat to the security of the south-east Asian countries and has a most adverse effect on the peace and stability of the Asia-Pacific region.

On 11 January 1979 the Government of Democratic Kampuchea issued a statement, accusing Viet Nam and the Soviet Union before the whole world of committing naked aggression and towering crimes against Kampuchea. It solemnly declares that the entire Kampuchean people are determined to form the broadest possible national, democratic and patriotic united front to fight the Vietnamese aggressors to the end and appeals to the people of the world for every form of support. The Chinese Government and people express their firm support to this just stand of the Government of Democratic Kampuchea.

The Kampuchean people's struggle against the Vietnamese-Soviet hegemonists has now entered a new stage. A people's war is spreading to all parts of Kampuchea. At the forum of the United Nations Security Council the delegation of Democratic Kampuchea unsparingly exposed and denounced the atrocious aggression perpetrated by Viet Nam and the Soviet Union against Kampuchea and won extensive international support and sympathy. The heroic Kampuchean nation will by no means submit to the enemy because of temporary difficulties. Truth and justice are on the side of the Kampuchean people. The reactionary Vietnamese authorities, which were faced with serious difficulties and were already very feeble, are now more isolated than ever both at home and internationally. Indulging in militarism and wild aggression and expansion, they will tighten the noose around their own neck and increase their own burdens till inevitable doom. A just cause enjoys abundant support, while an unjust cause finds little support. We firmly believe that the Kampuchean people, carrying out the policy

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of the national, democratic and patriotic united front and keeping up a sustained people's war under the leadership of the Government of Democratic Kampuchea, will bring about a radical change in the war situation, pin down and eventually defeat the aggressors and win the final victory of their war of national self-defence. As a result, they will make a great and glorious contribution to the safeguarding of the peace, security and stability of the south-east Asian countries and the Asia-Pacific region.

The Chinese Government and people solemnly reiterate that they will, as always, firmly stand by the Kampuchean people and do their utmost to support and aid the Kampuchean people in every way. The Government of Democratic Kampuchea headed by Prime Minister Pol Pot is the Kampuchean people's genuine representative and sole legal Government. The so-called "people's republic" of Kampuchea is only a hastily rigged-up puppet and tool of Viet Nam and the Soviet Union, and it is utterly illegal. It is no "representative" of the Kampuchean people but a handful of shameless traitors and national scum. Viet Nam and the Soviet Union are making their aggressive crimes more glaring by trying to hide them by such a stupid and clumsy trick. The Chinese Government calls on all justice-upholding countries and people to make joint efforts to safeguard the peace, security and stability of the Asia-Pacific region and the world as a whole by exposing the Vietnamese-Soviet frauds and schemes, standing by the bitterly fighting Kampuchean people, sympathizing with and supporting their just cause, condemning and stopping the Vietnamese-Soviet hegemonists' outright aggression against and occupation of a sovereign State, and forcing them to desist from all acts of aggression and withdraw all aggressor troops from Kampuchea.
