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LETTER DATED 19 JANUARY 1979 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF EGYPT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to request that the enclosed statement issued in Cairo on 13 January 1979 regarding the situation in Kampuchea, be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dr. A. Esmat Abdel MEGUID
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement issued in Cairo on 13 January 1979

The Arab Republic of Egypt is following with concern the military confrontation in Kampuchea. Egypt would like to emphasize the following facts:

FIRST: Egypt believes that all the peoples and States of Indochina, which have suffered for so long from devastating wars, are entitled to enjoy a real peace. Peace will enable them to mobilize their resources and capabilities towards reconstruction in an atmosphere of stability and security.

SECOND: The Arab Republic of Egypt calls upon all parties to respect the principles of non-intervention in internal affairs and the right of peoples to choose freely the type of régime they deem best to achieve progress, prosperity (or welfare), raising the standard of living and peaceful development without any foreign intervention or pressure.

Egypt maintains friendly relations with both Kampuchea and Viet Nam and all the States of the region. Egypt would like to reaffirm its rejection to aggression, use of force in international relations, foreign intervention in internal affairs of other States and calls upon the States of the region to strictly abide by the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter and observe the basic principles of non-alignment.
