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LETTER DATED 19 FEBRUARY 1979 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF MONGOLIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement, issued on 18 February 1979 by the Government of the Mongolian People's Republic in connexion with the aggression by China against the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

I would be grateful if this statement be distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) B. DASHTSEREN
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement dated 18 February 1979 by the Government of the
Mongolian People's Republic

As is known, on 17 February 1979 the Chinese authorities launched armed aggression against the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. They are waging broad offensive actions along the whole Sino-Vietnamese frontier, using large-scale military forces, tanks, aircraft and artillery. Thus, the Chinese leadership has passed from uninterrupted military provocation along the frontier with Viet Nam to open aggression against a sovereign socialist State.

By resorting to armed intervention, the ruling circles in China are attempting, in the first place, to impede the peaceful creative work of the Vietnamese people and socialist construction in the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and to break the will of the Vietnamese people for freedom and independence. Their aims go still further, however. Underlying the aggressive adventurist actions of the Chinese leadership is its great Power hegemonist and expansionist policy, which is directed towards interference in the internal affairs of sovereign States the seizure of territories belonging to others and the establishment of its domination in Asia and throughout the world.

The aggression launched by Chinese ruling circles against the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, which is an integral part of the world socialist community, can only be regarded as a dangerous crime against the cause of peace and the social progress of peoples, against democracy and socialism.

The Government of the Mongolian People's Republic considers that this deliberate act of aggression by ruling circles in the People's Republic of China seriously aggravates the situation in South-East Asia and creates a threat to peace and to the security of the peoples of Asia and the whole world.

By encroaching upon the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam - an equal member of the international community - the Chinese leadership is in the most flagrant manner flouting the principles of international relations and the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and has thus openly challenged the conscience and reason of world public opinion.

The extremely reckless and adventurist actions of the Peking leaders are seriously detrimental to the traditional friendship between the Vietnamese and Chinese peoples and are blatantly contrary to the fundamental interests of the Chinese people themselves, who in the not very distant past were themselves subjected to foreign aggression and incalculable disasters.

The Mongolian people and the Government of the Mongolian People's Republic resolutely condemn the criminal aggression by the ruling circles in Peking against the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and demand the immediate cessation of military

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operations and the withdrawal of their forces from the territory of Viet Nam without delay. The Mongolian People's Republic considers that the full responsibility for the aggressive actions and their consequences lies utterly and completely with China.

By unleashing a war against heroic Viet Nam, which emerged the victor in a struggle with the most powerful forces of imperialism, the Chinese leaders are apparently relying on the connivance and encouragement of the most militant circles of imperialism. However, the current aggression by Peking's rulers, like all their hostile policy towards Viet Nam, is doomed to total failure.

The Mongolian people express their warm fraternal solidarity and their unwavering support for the heroic Vietnamese people in the defence of the national sovereignty and territorial integrity of their socialist homeland.

The Government and people of the Mongolian People's Republic express their firm conviction that the just cause of the Vietnamese people will prevail. For the Vietnamese people are invincible, drawing on the assistance and support of world socialism and of all progressive mankind in their just struggle for freedom, honour and the dignity of their homeland. The historic victory of the Vietnamese people themselves over the forces of imperialism and neo-colonialism is eloquent testimony to this.

Ulan Bator, 18 February 1979