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LETTER DATED 20 FEBRUARY 1979 FROM THE PERMANENT  
REPRESENTATIVE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO THE UNITED  
NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you the statement by the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic dated 18 February 1979, concerning the Chinese aggression against the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

I request you to circulate this document as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ilja HULINSKÝ  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement dated 18 February 1979 by the Government of the  
Czechoslovak Socialist Republic

All the people of Czechoslovakia condemn with deep indignation the armed aggression committed by the Chinese ruling circles against the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. This aggression is an expression of their reactionary, antisocialist and antidemocratic policy, of their great-power chauvinism and hegemonism which is directed against world peace, international security and vital interests of all the mankind. Strong, united Viet Nam, convincing achievements of its People in the restoration and socialist construction of the country, its consistent internationalist and peaceful policy, high authority and prestige in Asia and throughout the world, constitute an obstacle to the expansionist plans of the Chinese leadership. What Peking could not achieve by threats, pressure and provocations it now wants to accomplish by an open aggression.

Massive attack launched on the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam represents a flagrant violation of the most elementary principles of the international relations and of the United Nations Charter. It is a serious threat to peace and stability in South-east Asia and all over the world.

The fraternal people of Viet Nam, who in the past had waged through years heroic struggle against colonial oppression and recently against imperialist aggression of the U.S.A., must again with arms in their hands defend independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of their country. This just struggle of the Vietnamese people will be victorious!

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia and the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic on behalf of all Czechoslovak people resolutely protest against the invasion of the Chinese forces on the territory of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. With all the urgency they demand that an end be put to the aggression against Viet Nam, they demand an immediate and unconditional withdrawal of the Chinese military forces from the Vietnamese territory.

We express our full support to the fraternal people of Viet Nam in their just struggle against Chinese usurpers.

We are convinced that all peace-loving forces throughout the world, which had in the past supported the heroic struggle of the Vietnamese people for freedom and independence, will also now extend their full support to their struggle against aggressors and will resolutely defend world peace.