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

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement on the latest developments in Indo-China, issued by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Dr. Mochtar Kusumaatmadja, in his capacity as Chairman of the ASEAN Standing Committee.

I should be grateful if this statement could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ch. ANWAR SANI  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

Annex

STATEMENT BY H.E. DR. MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJA, MINISTER FOR  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, IN HIS  
CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ASEAN STANDING COMMITTEE, ON  
THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN INDO-CHINA

1. The ASEAN countries have noted with grave concern and anxiety that since the Foreign Ministers meeting in Bangkok on 12-13 January 1979, the situation in their region has seriously deteriorated.
2. Mounting frictions and growing tensions in and around the region have erupted into an escalation of armed activities and a widening of the conflict area.
3. The ASEAN countries reiterate their firm commitment to the principles of peaceful coexistence, to the Charter of the United Nations and to the accepted principles of international law.
4. In order to avoid further disruption of peace and stability in the South-East Asia region, the ASEAN countries urgently appeal to the conflicting parties to cease all hostilities and urge that all foreign forces be withdrawn from all the areas of conflict in Indo-China.
5. The ASEAN countries furthermore appeal to powers outside the region to exercise the utmost restraint and refrain from any acts which may lead to a further escalation and widening of the conflict.

Bangkok, 20 February 1979

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