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TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith for your information, the background of Heng Samrin, the so-called "chairman of the People's revolutionary council" set up by the Vietnamese forces of invasion in Phnom Penh temporarily occupied.

I should be grateful if you would have the communication circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

BACKGROUND OF HENG SAMRIN, LACKEY OF THE LE DUAN-PHAM VAN DONG CLIQUE
AND "CHAIRMAN" OF THE SO-CALLED "PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL" SET
UP BY VIET NAM IN PHNOM PENH TEMPORARILY OCCUPIED

On 25 February 1979, "The Voice of Democratic Kampuchea" broadcasted a commentary:

What is the background of Heng Samrin called Rin ou Weuk, the traitor and lackey of the Le Duan-Pham Van Dong clique?

This lackey was born in the village of Anlong Kreuz, commune of Daun Tey, district of Ponhea Krek, Kompong Cham province, eastern region.

Among the entire Kampuchea's people, we can ask if anyone has ever heard of this name Heng Samrin called Rin ou Weuk? - Not at all. But if we ask among the brigands at the Kampuchea-Viet Nam border and among the gangsters and debauched persons, everyone of them knows Weuk.

In 1955, this Heng Samrin called Rin or Weuk has become chief of brigands stealing people's cattle from Kampuchea and sell them to Viet Nam, and smuggling back to Kampuchea various goods from Viet Nam.

In 1960, there were Vietcong activities along the Kampuchea-Viet Nam border, in the areas of the commune of Daun Tey, district of Ponhea Krek. These Vietcong got into contact with this chief of brigands Heng Samrin and entrusted him in collecting rice, poultry and cattle for them. They even gave him a carbine for carrying out the mission. With a rifle and the backing from the Vietcong, this Heng Samrin intensified his activities of stealing and plundering the people's rice, poultry and cattle from Kampuchea and supplied them to the Vietcong. This Heng Samrin has won the confidence of the Vietcong until they nominated him as chairman of the economic committee in charge of food supply.

In the same year 1960, there was a movement of Khmer Serei along the Kampuchea-Vietnam border plundering people's properties along the border. Since he was already a chief of brigands, Heng Samrin had then immediately declared himself, chief of the Khmer Serei movement in the areas of the commune of Daun Tey, district of Ponhea Krek and intensified his activities of killing people and plundering their rice, poultry and cattle along the border and supplied them to the Vietcong. Satisfied with the Heng Samrin's service, the Vietcong enlisted him at that time as a member of the Workers' Party of Viet Nam.

In 1970, the coup d'etat was broken out in Kampuchea. The revolutionary movement in Kampuchea was very impetuous. This Heng Samrin who owed a lot of people's blood, was afraid of their punishment and ran to join the Vietcong army. The Vietcong hid and defended him and let him carry on the activities to always

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attack the Kampuchea revolution and the National United Front of Kampuchea until the liberation of Kampuchea in April 1975.

In 1977, the Le Duan-Pham Van Dong clique started to use the large-scale attacks by armed forces aiming at taking possession of Kampuchea. It has then sent this Heng Samrin to carry out undermining activities within the Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea and gather intelligence along the border. In November 1977, the Heng Samrin's activities were unmasked. The Government of Democratic Kampuchea tried to capture him. He then ran back to Viet Nam.

Now, the Le Duan-Pham Van Dong clique could not find any Kampuchean person to accept to be traitor and Vietnamese lackey. Therefore, the Le Duan-Pham Van Dong clique put some make-up to this Heng Samrin called Rin or Weuk, a former chief of brigands at the border, and let him come out on the stage to be what it calls "chairman" of the so-called revolutionary committee. What's a match! The chief of brigands stealing cattle along the border, a man of the name Heng Samrin called Rin or Weuk to be the running dog of the chief of brigands swallowing of territories, the Le Duan-Pham Van Dong clique!

Once we know the behaviour of its lackey, we can then easily tell the behaviour of its master, the Le Duan-Pham Van Dong clique.
