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Letter dated 13 October 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

At the request of His Excellency Mr. Hun Sen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, I have the honour to transmit herewith his telegram, dated 10 October 1980, stating the position of the Revolutionary People's Council of Kampuchea on the discussions of the so-called "problem of Kampuchea" and request you to have this message circulated together with this letter as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda items 3 and 22.

(Signed) HA VAN LAU
Permanent Representative of
the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
to the United Nations

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Telegram

H.E. Mr. Kurt Waldheim Secretary-General of the United Nations New York

Now that the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations is about to discuss the representation of Kampuchea and the so-called "problem of Kampuchea" under agenda item 22. I have the honour to draw your attention again to the following points: firstly, such discussions, held without the consent of the Revolutionary People's Council of the People's Republic of Kampuchea and the participation of its representatives, constitutes a flagrant and inadmissible violation in the internal affairs of Kampuchea and of the United Nations Charter. So-called "Democratic Kampuchea" is no longer anything more than a political corpse which the Beijin hegemonists, in collusion with United States imperialists, are vainly trying to resuscitate. The representatives of the Pol Pot gang - Ieng Sary and Khieu Samphan - condemned to death by the people's court of Phnom Penh and despised by international opinion have no authority to represent the Kampuchean people. Secondly, there is neither a "problem of Kampuchea" nor any solution required. The Kampuchean people, liberated from the genocidal régime of Pol Pot, Ieng Sary and Khieu Samphan, are now masters of their own destiny and in the process of building a new life successfully under the guidance of the Revolutionary People's Council. They are now preparing general elections and will soon have a new constitution in keeping with their aspirations and traditions of independence and democracy. In spite of the sabotaging manoeuvres of the hegemonists and imperialists, the People's Republic of Kampuchea is moving steadily forward to a future of peace, liberty and prosperity. The situation in Kampuchea is irreversible. Thirdly, as the authentic and legal representative of the Kampuchean people, the Revolutionary People's Council reaffirms its inalienable right to the sovereign management of all the internal and external affairs of Kampuchea. It has rejected, as a blatant attempt at interference, the 13-point draft resolution of ASEAN. It categorically rejects every resolution on Kampuchea adopted by the United Nations without the participation of its representatives.

Highest consideration.

Phnom Penh, 10 October 1980

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