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THE SITUATION IN KAMPUCHEA

Letter dated 16 October 1980 from the Permanent Representative of
Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith to Your Excellency the statement of 14 October 1980 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea rejecting the unjust and unreasonable decision concerning the representation of Kampuchea recently adopted at the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly, and kindly request Your Excellency to have this letter and its enclosure circulated 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

ANNEX

S T A T E M E N T

*by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the People's Republic of Kampuchea*

Despite the protest by many delegations, the 35th Session of the United Nations General Assembly on October 13, 1980 rejected the draft amendment submitted by fraternal and friendly countries of Kampuchea demanding the expulsion of the representative of the Pol Pot clique from the United Nations. In this connection, the Foreign Ministry of the People's Republic of Kampuchea declares as follows:

The Pol Pot - Ieng Sary - Khieu Samphan clique, lackey of the Beijing expansionists, has massacred three million Kampuchean people, destroyed the Kampuchean culture and all economic and social structures of the Kampuchean people. The latter through the verdict of the People's Tribunal held in August 1979, have sentenced that clique to death. The whole mankind hold it in utter contempt. The recent discovery of new mass graves have further demonstrated that this clique is composed of most horrible genocidal criminals of our time. These criminals who are hiding abroad and along the Kampuchean - Thai border to carry out piratical and sabotage activities, have no right to represent anybody. To allow them to continue occupying Kampuchea's seat at the U.N. only harms the prestige of this world organization and hinders its work.

Since January 7, 1979, the Kampuchean people have completely overthrown the Pol Pot clique and taken their own destiny into their own hands.

In the past twenty one months, under the correct leadership of the People's Revolutionary Council, the Kampuchean people have step by step built their country, staved off famine left by the genocidal regime, restored and developed production and the economic, cultural, educational and social life, and maintained security and order in the whole country. The initial achievements recorded in extremely difficult conditions have been recognized by all men of goodwill throughout the world. That is a truth which nobody can deny or contradict. This eloquent truth has shown that it is the Kampuchean People's Revolutionary Council which has ended the genocide in the country is effectively handling all the affairs of Kampuchea and saving the Kampuchean people from total extermination. This eloquent truth has also affirmed that the Kampuchean People's Revolutionary Council is the only authentic and legal representative of the Kampuchean people at the U.N. and all other international forums.

The Foreign Ministry of the People's Republic of Kampuchea declares that it categorically rejects the unjust and unreasonable decision recently adopted at the 35th Session of the U.N. General Assembly and energetically condemns the Beijing expansionists, the imperialists and the other reactionary forces which have resorted to all manoeuvres to prolong the illegal occupation of the Kampuchean seat by the representatives of the genocidal clique.

On this occasion, the People's Revolutionary Council and the entire Kampuchean people express their deep gratitude to the representatives of the fraternal and friendly countries at the U.N. General Assembly and to all personalities and mass organizations outside the U.N. General Assembly as well as the mass media who have raised their voices to defend the legitimate right of the Kampuchean people.

Phnom Penh, October 14, 1980
