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Letter dated 15 January 1979 from the Representative of  
Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to  
the Secretary-General

I have the honour to send you enclosed, for your information, the text of the statement made by the Government of Democratic Kampuchea on 11 January 1979, concerning the barbarous Vietnamese aggression, and request that you kindly arrange for it to be issued as a document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) THIOUNN PRASITH  
Ambassador Extraordinary  
and Plenipotentiary  
of Democratic Kampuchea

ANNEX

Statement dated 11 January 1979 by the Government of Democratic  
Kampuchea concerning the barbarous Vietnamese aggression

The Vietnamese enemy aggressors, annexationists, swallows of the territory of Kampuchea and exterminators of the Kampuchean nation, after mobilizing huge forces, including many tanks, pieces of heavy artillery and aircraft of all kinds, such as MIG-19s, 21s and 23s, have launched a large-scale aggression and invasion against Democratic Kampuchea, causing immense devastation to the people of Kampuchea and temporarily occupied a number of towns and the capital city of Phnom Penh. Concerning this situation, the Government of Democratic Kampuchea has the following statement to make:

The frenzied aggression and invasion by the Vietnamese aggressors, supported by their master, the Soviet Union, are most criminal acts perpetrated for the purpose of exterminating the nation and people of Kampuchea. This situation may well cause temporary difficulties for the Kampuchean people. But the heroic Kampuchean people and the heroic Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea have put up a heroic resistance, as standard-bearers of the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of glorious Democratic Kampuchea, and of the honour and dignity of the nation and people of Kampuchea. They are determined to fight the Vietnamese enemy aggressors and their masters and are imbued with an implacable hatred and with a most sublime revolutionary heroism.

This struggle is spreading throughout the country with an intensity surpassing even that witnessed at the beginning of the five-year war. Armed with this heroism, our entire people and our Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea as a whole are determined to unite to a man, to overcome all difficulties, to continue to wage the people's war in conformity with the statement made by Prime Minister Pol Pot on 5 January 1979, and to fight the Vietnamese annexationist enemy aggressors and annihilate them at all costs.

At present, the heroic people and the heroic Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea are waging a resolute struggle and will never bow to the Vietnamese enemy. Experiences in the history of the struggle of the Kampuchean people themselves, as well as those in the history of peoples the world over, have clearly shown that any people who are the victim of foreign aggression and oppression, when resolved to fight, will inevitably triumph. We have now preserved all our effective strength. All the leaders, headed by the Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Kampuchea and the Prime Minister of the Government of Democratic Kampuchea, Pol Pot, are now leading the Kampuchean people, on the sacred territory of Kampuchea, in a valiant struggle, and are all resolutely and firmly determined to hold aloft forever the banner of the Kampuchean nation, the banner of independence, sovereignty,

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territorial integrity, national honour and dignity, and the banner of the race of Kampuchea, regardless of the obstacles that have to be surmounted and the sacrifices that have to be made.

The Government of Democratic Kampuchea, with Comrade Secretary Pol Pot as Prime Minister, responsible as it is for the destiny of the whole Kampuchean nation and the entire Kampuchean people, appeals to:

1. All peace and justice-loving Governments and peoples the world over to aid and support, by all means and in all ways, its just struggle against the Vietnamese enemy aggressors and annexationists, to condemn this aggression, to discontinue all assistance and support for Viet Nam and to demand the immediate and complete withdrawal of the Vietnamese from the territory of Kampuchea.

2. All Kampuchean compatriots, at home and abroad, to unite and engage in a resolute struggle not to become slaves of the Vietnamese, to ensure that their nation does not disappear, and not to let the Vietnamese plunder and oppress Kampuchea at will. The Vietnamese enemy is exacerbating the differences with the whole nation and people of Kampuchea. These differences are very deep-seated and are becoming even more profound with each passing day. Consequently, the Vietnamese enemy is now in the crater of a volcano of national hatred on the part of the whole nation and people of Kampuchea, who are fighting against them, and everyone has clearly perceived the nature of these profoundly antagonistic and acute differences.

The entire Kampuchean people will form a very broad united national democratic and patriotic front to fight the Vietnamese aggressors to the bitter end, to annihilate them, and to liberate all the occupied territories and thus make their contribution to peace, security and stability in Asia and in the Pacific region. Final victory will belong to the people of Kampuchea.

The nation of Kampuchea, the people of Kampuchea, the Kampuchean race and Kampuchean traditions and civilized station will live forever!

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