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APPLICATION DE LA DECLARATION SUR LE RENFORCEMENT DE
LA SECURITE INTERNATIONALE

Lettre datée du 17 février 1979, adressée au Secrétaire général par
le représentant permanent du Viet Nam auprès de l'Organisation des
Nations Unies

J'ai l'honneur de vous transmettre ci-joint le message urgent que vous adresse Son Excellence M. Nguyen Duy Trinh, Vice-Premier Ministre et Ministre des affaires étrangères de la République socialiste du Viet Nam, et de vous demander de bien vouloir le faire distribuer comme document officiel de l'Assemblée générale au titre du point 46 de la liste préliminaire.

L'Ambassadeur extraordinaire
et plénipotentiaire,

Représentant permanent auprès de
l'Organisation des Nations Unies,

(Signé) HA VAN LAU

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ANNEX

Message dated 17 February 1979 from the Deputy Prime Minister
and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that on 17 February 1979 several Chinese divisions of infantry, armoured vehicles and artillery with air support launched massive attacks along the entire Vietnamese-Chinese frontier. They occupied Vietnamese frontier posts and numerous villages belonging to the districts of Trang Dinh, Loc Binh and Ha Quang in the province of Cao Bang, Muong Khoung and Bat Sat in the province of Hoang Lien Son, Phong Tho in the province of Lai Chau, and Binh Lieu in the province of Quang Ninh. It should particularly be noted that the Chinese troops have attacked the provincial capital of Lao Cai and have occupied the two urban centres of Dong Dang and Muong Khuong some 10 kilometres inside Vietnamese territory. They have committed bloody crimes against the Vietnamese people.

After concentrating a large military force, making threats of war and carrying out provocations on the Vietnamese-Chinese frontier, China is now in fact waging a war of aggression against our country.

The Vietnamese people is determined to exercise its right to strike back in defence of the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of its homeland. The Chinese authorities must bear full responsibility for their war of aggression.

I am addressing to you this urgent message on the extremely serious situation which has arisen and which constitutes a threat to peace and security in South-East Asia and in the world in order that you should consider the situation and take appropriate measures to end the aggression and compel the Chinese forces of aggression to withdraw from Viet Nam.

I should be grateful if you would have this message circulated as an official United Nations document.

Nguyen Duy Trinh
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister
for Foreign Affairs of the
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
