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Letter dated 11 December 1980 from the Permanent Representative of
the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you information concerning the nature and amount of assistance provided by the Soviet Union to the People's Republic of Kampuchea in 1980.

I should be grateful if you would have this information circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 12.

(Signed) O. TROYANOVSKY

ANNEX

Information concerning the nature and amount of assistance supplied
by the USSR to the People's Republic of Kampuchea in 1980

Since the establishment of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, the Soviet Union has been giving the Kampuchean people extensive and comprehensive assistance, with a view to solving the problems of overcoming the ruinous consequences of the Pol Pot clique's rule, eliminating the threat of famine and normalizing the life of the population in general. The Soviet programme of assistance to the People's Republic of Kampuchea also provides for the re-establishment of social facilities, industry, transport and infrastructure. In addition to the free emergency assistance provided by the Soviet Union to Kampuchea last year (totalling more than \$85 million), in 1980, in the context of the free assistance programme, there are plans to send the People's Republic of Kampuchea a variety of goods for civilian purposes amounting to \$134 million. As at 15 November 1980, goods to the value of \$96.3 million had already been delivered.

At the request of the Kampuchean Government, Soviet organizations delivered to Kampuchea during the first half of the year the full amount of provisions - rice, maize, wheat and flour (164,000 tons) - planned for 1980.

During the current year, Kampuchea will also receive from the Soviet Union 130,000 tons of petroleum products (as at 15 November 1980, 94,000 tons had been delivered); 9.1 million metres of textiles (7.0 million delivered); 424 motor vehicles, lift trucks and crane trucks, including 200 trucks (384 delivered); seven aircraft; medicines to the value of \$2.2 million; condensed milk, school supplies, bicycles and the like.

In 1980, the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of Kampuchea signed a series of Soviet-Kampuchean intergovernmental agreements, providing for the granting of aid of the first importance to help in restoring economic installations and carrying out projects, as well as in training local Kampuchean cadres, which is of great importance for the normalization of life in the country, for a total sum of \$70 million. Soviet organizations have already begun to implement the agreements concluded: work projects are under way, equipment and materials have been delivered, and Soviet specialists have been sent.

Assistance is also being furnished for the renovation and construction of a hospital in the capital, with an out-patient department, and four interprovincial hospitals - which together have a capacity of 1,300 beds - of five health stations for the treatment of epidemic diseases and 30 mobile health units; such assistance is also being provided for the establishment of two institutions of higher education and a vocational school, of telephone communications within Phnom Penh, and also between the capital and provincial centres, of the power supply of the cities of Phnom Penh, Kampong Som and Battambang, and of highways and bridges, for the establishment of fishing enterprises and for the creation of a centre for rice-seed selection and cultivation.

In the longer term, under the Soviet-Kampuchean economic agreements, the People's Republic of Kampuchea will be given assistance to help it reconstruct important economic installations destroyed by the Pol Pot régime, such as power stations and transmission lines, and to construct drinking-water purification plants at Phnom Penh and Kampong Som, farm-machine and tractor repair stations, granaries, shops to repair motor vehicles and farm machinery, a chemical fertilizer plant and other facilities.

Soviet organizations have provided and are continuing to provide substantial assistance in rebuilding the economy and normalizing the operation of the ports of Kampong Som and Phnom Penh. From October 1979 through October 1980, with a brief interruption, a team of Soviet dockers aboard the vessel Lyubov Orlova worked at the port of Kampong Som, helping to organize and regularize the functioning of port services, to unload ships and to expedite cargo from the Soviet Union, as well as cargo sent under the international programme of assistance. Of considerable importance in expediting cargo from the port were two Soviet river-and-sea lighters sent to the People's Republic of Kampuchea, one of which is still plying the route between Kampong Som and Phnom Penh. Outfitting of the ports of the People's Republic of Kampuchea with loading and unloading equipment and other types of equipment provided by the Soviet Union is continuing. A group of Soviet experts has been sent to the People's Republic of Kampuchea to provide long-term assistance in the field of port operations and maritime and river transport.

The Soviet Union is helping Kampuchea to prepare specialists and skilled workers by inviting Kampuchean citizens to train in the Soviet Union at institutions of higher education and at industrial and vocational training schools. It is also helping to set up teaching establishments in the People's Republic of Kampuchea and is assigning Soviet teachers and industrial training experts to work at them.

Soviet social organizations (trade-union, youth and women's organizations, the Soviet Red Cross and others) are also continuing to provide assistance free of charge to the corresponding Kampuchean organizations.

The USSR will continue in 1981 to supply material assistance, including food-stuffs, as well as economic and technical assistance to the People's Republic of Kampuchea.

Soviet organizations are preparing a programme for the further development and improvement of economic and technical co-operation, including the question of equipping and organizing the work of construction units in the People's Republic of Kampuchea with a view to speeding the reconstruction of the basic sectors of the Kampuchean economy.
