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Letter dated 12 March 1979 from the Permanent
Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the statement made by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on 11 March 1979 and request that it be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 46 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) HA VAN LAU
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary,
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations

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ANNEX

Statement made by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on 11 March 1979 condemning
China's continued war acts

On 6, 9 and 10 March 1979, the Chinese aggressors still delayed the withdrawal of their troops from Viet Nam. At the same time, Chinese troops sallied out in the areas of Tai Ho Kin and Bao Na in Cao Bang Province, the south-western sector of Dong Dang District Town in Lang Son Province and the portions of highway 7 linking Lao Cai Provincial Town with Cam Duong District and Lao Cai Town with Sa Pa District in Hoang Lien Son Province, occupied more land in Ha Tuyen, Lai Chau and Quang Ninh Provinces, and looted and caused destruction in many areas of Cao Bang and Lang Son Provinces.

Particularly serious is that on 10 March a Chinese division sallied out towards the Tinh Tuc tin mine, Cao Bang Province. Chinese troops also moved marker-posts 41 and 45 in Chi Ma area, Lang Son Province, further into Vietnamese territory.

The spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam strongly denounces and condemns these acts taken by the Chinese authorities to continue their war of aggression. The Chinese aggressor troops must be withdrawn immediately and unconditionally to the last man from Vietnamese territory and must stop killing, looting, burning and destroying and all other new crimes against the Vietnamese people.

If the Chinese authorities use the troop-withdrawal trick to camouflage their aggression and to prepare for new military adventures against the Vietnamese people, the armed forces and people of Viet Nam will fight resolutely to sweep Vietnamese territory clean of all aggressors.

The Chinese authorities must respect the historical borderline between the two countries agreed upon by both sides and must stop moving border marker-posts and other acts aimed at changing the historical borderline.

The Chinese authorities must bear full responsibility for all the consequences of their war of aggression and of other brutal acts committed by them.

