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Letter dated 28 March 1979 from the Permanent Representative
of Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for your information, a brief summary of developments in the people's war of resistance against the invasion of Democratic Kampuchea by Viet Nam during the period 14 to 18 March 1979.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this communication to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 46 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Thiounn PRASITH
Permanent Representative
of Democratic Kampuchea

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ANNEX

Brief summary of developments in the people's war of resistance against the Vietnamese invasion of Democratic Kampuchea during the period 14 to 18 March 1979, disseminated by the Ministry of Information of Democratic Kampuchea

1. Further information on the liberation of the town of Kompong Speu (40 kilometres west of Phnom Penh on national highway No. 4)

On 15 March 1979, the Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea began to attack the town of Kompong Speu. The same day, it liberated all the western part of the town and wiped out 450 Vietnamese soldiers. Several hundred others were wounded. Hundreds of weapons and a large quantity of war matériel was seized, including two 105 mm guns and two 80 mm mortars. Two enemy military vehicles were destroyed.

On 17 March 1979, the Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea (ARK) attacked the centre of the town and completely liberated the town. It killed over 100 Vietnamese soldiers, seized 80 weapons and a large quantity of war matériel.

On 18 March, the Vietnamese invaders gathered new forces to recapture the town, but the ARK repulsed them and put them to flight. Fifty-six Vietnamese soldiers were killed, as well as one Soviet adviser. Sixty weapons and a large quantity of munitions were seized.

The total casualties in the fighting for the liberation of the town of Kompong Speu are as follows:

(a) 606 Vietnamese soldiers and one Soviet adviser killed, hundreds of others wounded;

(b) 240 weapons of various kinds seized, including two 105 mm guns, two 80 mm mortars and a large quantity of munitions;

(c) Two military vehicles destroyed.

2. Total casualties covering all fronts between 14 and 18 March 1979 (with additional figures for the period 9 to 13 March covering certain fronts)

(a) More than 1,600 enemy soldiers killed, including one Vietnamese commander killed on 16 March west of Trapeang Kraloeng, on national highway No. 4, one Soviet citizen (killed on 18 March at Kompong Speu) and one Cuban (killed on 13 March in the Sisophon region);

(b) Destroyed: one Soviet AN12-type aircraft (on 18 March on the airfield at the town of Battambang), two tanks, 15 military vehicles, one 105 mm gun, mortars and machine-guns;

(c) Seized: two 105 mm guns, three 80 mm mortars, one truck filled with munitions, one transmitter-receiver and a large quantity of weapons and munitions.