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Letter dated 16 April 1979 from the Permanent Representative of
China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a note dated 13 April 1979 sent by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China to the Vietnamese Embassy in China protesting against the sending of armed vessels by the Vietnamese authorities to intrude into the sea area of China's Xisha Islands for provocations. I request that this note be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 11 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) CHEN Chu
Permanent Representative of the
People's Republic of China
to the United Nations

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ANNEX

Note dated 13 April 1979 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the People's Republic of China to the Vietnamese Embassy
in China

Around 9 a.m. on 10 April 1979, the Vietnamese authorities sent three boatloads of military personnel armed with bazookas, light machine guns, submachine guns and transceivers to intrude into the sea area of China's Xisha Islands and carry out reconnaissance at a point some 500 metres from the coast. They shot in provocation at a Chinese patrol boat. This is not only a deliberate incursion into China's territorial sea but also a serious threat to the security of Chinese islands. The Chinese Government hereby lodges a strong protest with the Vietnamese Government.

Recently, the Vietnamese side has made continual armed provocations along the Sino-Vietnamese border, created tension and repeatedly placed obstacles in the way of the Sino-Vietnamese negotiations at the Vice-Foreign Minister level in an attempt to obstruct their holding. Now that the negotiations are soon to begin, the Vietnamese authorities still continue to intensify their armed provocations along the Sino-Vietnamese land border and moreover have brazenly dispatched military personnel in armed boats to invade China's territorial sea around the Xisha Islands for reconnaissance and even provocative shooting at a Chinese patrol boat. This cannot but make one wonder where the Vietnamese authorities want to lead the forthcoming negotiations since they are deliberately creating incidents and poisoning the atmosphere for the negotiations. The Chinese side solemnly demands that the Vietnamese authorities admit the mistake and apologize for their latest illegal violation of China's territorial sea for reconnaissance and provocation and guarantee against its recurrence, and that they stop forthwith all their provocations along the Sino-Vietnamese land border as well as on the sea so as to facilitate the Sino-Vietnamese negotiations at the Vice-Foreign Minister level.