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INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Letter dated 25 November 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 address to you a note from the Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in connexion with United Nations Secretariat communications Nos. 296 and 297 dated 27 October 1980 concerning the signature on 17 October 1980, on behalf of the so-called "Government of Democratic Kampuchea", of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

I request you to circulate this information as an official document of the General Assembly on agenda item 76.

(Signed) O. TROYANOVSKY

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Note verbale dated 25 November 1980 from the Permanent Mission
of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to United Nations Secretariat communications Nos. 296 and 297 dated 27 October 1980 concerning the signature on 17 October 1980, on behalf of the so-called "Government of Democratic Kampuchea", of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, it considers it necessary to state the following:

Signature of the above-mentioned international agreements on behalf of the so-called "Government of Democratic Kampuchea" - the bloodthirsty Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique, which has been overthrown by the Kampuchean people - is completely unlawful and has no legal force. Only representatives authorized by the People's Revolutionary Council of the People's Republic of Kampuchea can act on behalf of Kampuchea. There is only one State of Kampuchea in the world; this is the People's Republic of Kampuchea which has been recognized by a large number of States. All power in the People's Republic of Kampuchea is fully in the hands of the People's Revolutionary Council - the sole legitimate Government of Kampuchea which has the exclusive right to perform acts on behalf of Kampuchea in the international arena, including the signature of international agreements elaborated within the framework of the United Nations.

It should be mentioned also that the farce of the signature of the above-mentioned international agreements in the United Nations Secretariat by a person who represents no one, is a mockery of the rules of law and morality and a direct affront to the memory of the millions of Kampuchean victims tortured by the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary régime. The entire international community is aware of the bloody crimes of this puppet clique.