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Letter dated 13 April 1981 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour, at the request of Mr. Hun Sen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, to transmit to you herewith the text of a statement made on 3 April 1981 by the spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kampuchea concerning the recent elections in Kampuchea.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the text of this letter, together with the enclosure, as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 22 and 34 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Alounkeo KITTIKHOUN
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Statement by the spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the People's Republic of Kampuchea

According to reports from abroad, Mr. Carlos Romulo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Philippines, in his capacity as Chairman of the ASEAN group of countries, recently requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations to circulate a statement made by him on 25 March 1981 in which he said that the ASEAN member countries would not recognize the validity of the elections in Kampuchea. He further requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations to reject the results of those elections.

As everyone knows, over a period of more than two years, following the overthrow of the genocidal Pol Pot-Ieng Sary-Khieu Samphan clique - a tool of Peking's expansionist policies - the Kampuchean people, at the cost of tremendous sacrifice and by its own efforts, and also with the help of Viet Nam, of the fraternal socialist countries, of progressive mankind and of other organizations, has achieved a rebirth which no honest person can deny. The Kampuchean people, having become the master of its own destiny and of its own country, participated in the drafting of the country's first democratic constitution, held municipal elections and prepared for general elections throughout the country.

The elections held recently in the various parts of the country were recognized as entirely democratic by foreign observers who visited Kampuchea and the polling stations. The same observers were able to see the joy and enthusiasm with which the Kampuchean people took part in the first truly democratic elections they have ever known.

Mr. Rolumo's statement, like that made on 1 April by the United States Department of State, constitutes gross and inadmissible intervention in the internal affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea. As master of its own country, the Kampuchean people intends to choose freely and democratically its representatives at all levels. It allows no one, least of all those who were constantly in connivance with the imperialists in their war of barbarous aggression against our people, to pass a slanderous judgement on these elections.

By persisting in distorting the truth about Kampuchea and in asserting the resolution wrongly adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations at its thirty-fifth session, the authorities of the ASEAN countries and the imperialists are only serving the genocidal cause of the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary-Khieu Samphan clique and the expansionism of Peking, which are seeking by every means to oppose the People's Republic of Kampuchea and to create hostility between the peoples of Indo-China and of ASEAN, thus preventing peace, stability and co-operation among the peoples of South-East Asia.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea strongly condemns and categorically rejects Mr. Romulo's statement of 25 March 1981 on Kampuchea, as it has repeatedly done in the case of the resolution adopted at the thirty-fifth session of the United Nations General Assembly. The People's Republic of Kampuchea is an independent and sovereign State. The Kampuchean people, as master of its own country, allows no one to interfere in its affairs. The People's Republic of Kampuchea will constantly build up its strength and will continue its course despite all manoeuvres aimed at sabotage, subversion and intervention.

Phnom Penh, 3 April 1981
