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Letter dated 27 April 1981 from the Permanent Representative
of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the press communiqué issued following the consultation concerning the settlement of the problem of South-East Asia which took place on 24 April last at Vientiane between the Foreign Ministers of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the People's Republic of Kampuchea.

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

(Signed) Vithaya SOURINHO
Ambassador, Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

The Foreign Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, PHOUN SIPASEUTH, had a consultation with the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the People's Republic of Kampuchea, in Vientiane on April 24, 1981.

The tripartite exchange was attended by Ambassador NGUYEN XUAN, who was empowered by the Foreign Minister of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, and Ambassador NEON SAMOM, who was empowered by the Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of Kampuchea. It was chaired by Foreign Minister PHOUN SIPASEUTH.

In reviewing the situation, the three parties noted that the reasonable, logical proposals made by the Foreign Ministers of the three Indochinese countries in their meeting in HO CHI MINH city on January 27 - 28 this year had won the support and sympathy of broad sections of world public opinion but, regrettably, has not received a positive response from the ASEAN countries. The three parties reaffirmed that the resolution 35/6 of the UN General Assembly was wrong in that it constituted a gross violation of the sovereignty of the People's Republic of Kampuchea and an imposition on the three Indochinese countries. All imposition will only increase opposition and tension between the countries in the region and will only benefit the policy of big-nation expansionism and hegemony pursued by the ruling circles in Beijing. Any matter pertaining to Southeast Asia must be settled through discussion and consensus among the nations in the region, without imposition by one party on the other, and without foreign intervention.

Now, pending agreement on a conference between the Indochinese countries and the ASEAN countries to solve matters relating to Southeast Asia, hoping to join the other countries in seeking suitable measures and forms for the settlement of issues to be raised by each party concerning peace, stability in Southeast Asia, and having in mind the interests of all the countries in the region. Laos, Viet Nam and Kampuchea accept the proposal made by a number of ASEAN countries for regional consultations.

In this spirit, the Lao People's Democratic Republic has been appointed to act on behalf of the three Indochinese countries in conducting regional consultations with the ASEAN countries.

The Lao People's Democratic Republic will do its best to make a success of the regional consultations./.

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