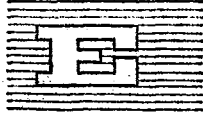


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APPLICATION TO PEOPLES UNDER COLONIAL OR ALIEN
DOMINATION OR FOREIGN OCCUPATION

QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL
FREEDOMS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, WITH PARTICULAR
REFERENCE TO COLONIAL AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES
AND TERRITORIES, INCLUDING:

- (a) QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CYPRUS
- (b) STUDY OF SITUATIONS WHICH APPEAR TO REVEAL A
CONSISTENT PATTERN OF GROSS VIOLATIONS OF
HUMAN RIGHTS AS PROVIDED IN COMMISSION
RESOLUTION 8 (XXIII) AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 1235 (XLII) AND
1503 (XIVIII): REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP
ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS
THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION

Letter dated 30 January 1981 from the Chargé d'Affaires ad interim
of the Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
addressed to the Director of the Division of Human Rights

The Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations Office and other international organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Division of Human Rights and has the honour to transmit to it the attached statement concerning the circulation of documents emanating from so-called "Democratic Kampuchea" to the Commission on Human Rights, which is to meet from 2 February to 13 March.

The Mission of Viet Nam would be grateful if the Division of Human Rights would arrange for this statement to be circulated as an official document of the Commission on Human Rights under items 9 and 13 of the agenda for its forthcoming thirty-seventh session, and takes this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

(Signed) Truong Quan Phan
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

Noting that documents from so-called "Democratic Kampuchea" containing false allegations against the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam have been circulated to the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-seventh session, the Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations Office and other international organizations at Geneva wishes categorically to reject all those allegations.

As everyone knows, during the past two years, under the leadership of the Revolutionary People's Council of Kampuchea, and with the effective assistance provided in such profusion and variety by the fraternal countries of Viet Nam, the Soviet Union and other socialist countries, the Kampuchean people has made great strides in all spheres of its work of national construction and defence. In its prodigious recovery, the Kampuchean people has achieved swift progress in production, curbed famine, stabilized living conditions and eliminated the grave consequences of the genocidal Pol Pot-Ieng Sary régime so as to build a new life.

The Mission of Viet Nam considers that documents of so-called "Democratic Kampuchea" which have been or will be distributed at the present session to be null and void.