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LETTER DATED 9 JANUARY 1979 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
VIET NAM TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the statement dated  
8 January 1979 issued by the Saporamean Kampuchea (SPK) News Agency on the  
establishment of the Kampuchean People's Revolutionary Council.

I also transmit the telegram dispatched on 8 January 1979 to you by the  
President of the Kampuchean People's Revolutionary Council.

I request Your Excellency to have this letter and its enclosures circulated as  
a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) HA VAN LAU  
Ambassador Extraordinary  
and Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative  
to the United Nations

Annex I

Revolutionary Council in Phnom Penh

Hanoi, VNA January 8 - a Kampuchean People's Revolutionary Council has been set up in Phnom Penh, according to Saporamean Kampuchea (SPK).

A statement dated 8 January on the establishment of the Council, which is headed by Heng Samrin, says:

"On 7 January 1979, the Revolutionary Armed Forces and the people of Kampuchea completely liberated the capital city of Phnom Penh and controlled the whole of their country. Revolutionary power has thus been installed and is in the hands of the Kampuchean people.

"To handle both the domestic and foreign affairs of the country and to run the country as desired by the people of all nationalities of Kampuchea, a Kampuchean People's Revolutionary Council has been formed.

"The Kampuchean People's Revolutionary Council consists of:

"Chairman: Heng Samrin,

"Vice-Chairman, in charge of the Ministry of National Defence. Pensovan,

"Member, in charge of the Foreign Ministry: Hun Sen,

"Member, in charge of the Ministry of the Interior: Chea Sim,

"Member, in charge of the Ministry of Information, Press and Culture:  
Keo Chanda,

"Member, in charge of the Ministry of Education: Professor Chan Ven,

"Member, in charge of the Ministry of Public Health and Social Affairs:  
Dr. Nu Beng,

"Member, in charge of the Ministry of Economy and People's Welfare:  
Mok Sakun."

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Annex II

On behalf of the Kampuchean People's Revolutionary Council, which is performing the functions of the government of Kampuchea, I have the honour to inform you that the Pol Pot clique was overthrown at 12.30 p.m., local time, on 7 January 1979 and that the Pol Pot Government has ceased to exist as from that date. The Kampuchean People's Revolutionary Council now controls the whole of the territory of Kampuchea. Consequently, any meeting of the Security Council for the purpose of hearing the representative of the Pol Pot clique or, in other words, of the non-existent government constitutes flagrant intervention in the internal affairs of the Kampuchean people and a violation of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

Phnom Penh, 8 January 1979

HENG SAMRIN  
Chairman of the Kampuchean  
People's Revolutionary Council