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THE SITUATION IN KAMPUCHEA

QUESTION OF PEACE, STABILITY AND CO-OPERATION IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA

Note verbale dated 9 June 1981 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Mongolia to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

The Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Mongolian People's Republic to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to his note of 1 June 1981, has the honour, upon instruction from his Government, to state the following.

The position of principle of the Mongolian People's Republic towards the so-called question of "The situation in Kampuchea" is well known. This stand was reaffirmed when Mongolia, along with many other countries, voted against General Assembly resolution 35/6. This resolution imposed upon the General Assembly represents yet another attempt, in gross violation of fundamental principles of the United Nations Charter, to interfere in the internal affairs of a sovereign and independent State - the People's Republic of Kampuchea. It utterly ignores the existing reality and contradicts the vital interests and aspirations of the Kampuchean people. As an Asian country, Mongolia knows well the hardships and sufferings that the Kampuchean people had to go through under the régime of Pol Pot-Ieng Sary.

The fact is that the people of Kampuchea, having overthrown the genocidal régime of Pol Pot-Ieng Sary, embarked upon a road of genuine freedom and social progress, and only the People's Revolutionary Council - the sole and authentic representative of the Kampuchean people - has the indisputable right to represent its country and people in the United Nations and other international organizations.

To ignore this reality, and worse still to allow the continued illegal presence at the United Nations of an individual who claims to speak on behalf of

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Kampuchea, amounts to a flagrant violation of the sovereign rights of the Kampuchean people.

In these circumstances it is only natural that the people of Kampuchea rejected resolution 35/6, which was adopted against the will of the Kampuchean people and in the absence of their genuine representatives.

The problems concerning the South-East Asian region can and must be settled by the respective countries through dialogue in a spirit of equality, mutual respect and non-interference from outside.

The Mongolian People's Republic is of the view that the convening of an international conference on Kampuchea as provided for in the aforementioned resolution will not only pave the way to outside interference but hinder the efforts aimed at establishing peace, stability and co-operation in South-East Asia.

It is against this background that the Government of the Mongolian People's Republic cannot consider itself among the "others concerned" in the terms of the resolution and consequently will not take part in the conference.

The Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Mongolian People's Republic to the United Nations kindly requests that this note be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under items 22 and 34 of the preliminary list.