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Note verbale dated 15 June 1981 from the Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Hungarian People's Republic to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, referring to his note of 1 June 1981 relating to the question of an international conference on Kampuchea, has the honour to inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the Hungarian Government's position on the matter.

The Government of the Hungarian People's Republic has more than once expressed its dismay at attempts being made within the United Nations to interfere with the domestic affairs of a sovereign State, namely the People's Republic of Kampuchea. Hungary supports the enormous and multifarious efforts of the Kampuchean Government to overcome the effects of genocide and destruction perpetrated by the former régime. Hence, the need to find "a comprehensive political settlement of the Kampuchean problem" simply does not arise, the people of that country having already exercised their right to self-determination by getting rid of the previous oppressive régime, having had elections and restored constitutional life in the country.

At the same time, it is also to be noted that positive efforts are being undertaken in the region to embark on the road of dialogue and co-operation among all the countries of the area with the aim of solving outstanding problems which have arisen in their relations. The Government of Hungary believes that the international community should assist and promote this endeavour of the countries in the region by all possible means, which is the only way to progress towards peace and stability in South-East Asia.

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The Government of the Hungarian People's Republic is consequently of the opinion that the convening of an international conference of the nature specified in General Assembly resolution 35/6 constitutes an unwarranted interference with the domestic affairs of Kampuchea and is likely only to hinder the valuable regional steps that have already been taken and which could ultimately lead to the emergence of a hopeful normalization of the historically close ties between the countries of the region and result in a better understanding and productive co-operation among them. The alternative would be the perpetuation of tensions and conflicts in the area which would affect the millions of people living there.

The Government of the Hungarian People's Republic does not therefore wish to be invited to the conference referred to above which, in its view, is not the appropriate forum to make a tangible contribution to the effective solution of the real problems of the region.

The Permanent Representative of the Hungarian People's Republic to the United Nations requests the Secretary-General to arrange for this note to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 22 and 34 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.
