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THE SITUATION IN KAMPUCHEA

Letter dated 15 June 1981 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of
the Permanent Mission of Seychelles to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to your note verbale of 1 June 1981 and wish to transmit my Government's reply:

"The Republic of Seychelles voted against resolution 35/6 calling for an international conference on Kampuchea in 1981 on the grounds that such a conference would amount to an interference in the internal affairs of that country. The position of the Republic of Seychelles has not changed.

On the other hand, the Indian Ocean conference which we have always supported has as the main objective to reduce the danger of interference in the Indian Ocean States' internal affairs and the threat to their security and peaceful development.

On both issues, the Republic of Seychelles' position is clear and internationally known. We will continue to press for the convening of an Indian Ocean conference as called for in United Nations General Assembly resolution 34/80 B, but will not participate in the one on Kampuchea. The Republic of Seychelles is not a party to any conflict in South-East Asia nor does it consider itself to be among 'others concerned'."

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 22 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Giovinella GONTHIER
Chargé d'Affaires

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