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LETTER DATED 16 FEBRUARY 1979 FROM MR. THIOUNN PRASITH, AMBASSADOR  
EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA,  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith for your information the text of a telegram addressed to Heads of State by Khieu Samphan, Chairman of the State Presidium of Democratic Kampuchea:

"Excellency,

"The massive aggression and invasion launched against Democratic Kampuchea by Viet Nam since 25 December 1978 violate in the most barbaric and flagrant manner the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Democratic Kampuchea. They trample underfoot the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of non-alignment. They have been denounced and condemned by all peoples and countries devoted to peace, justice and independence throughout the world.

"Your Government has been good enough to oppose this Vietnamese invasion of Democratic Kampuchea, to call for the withdrawal of all Vietnamese forces from Kampuchea and to support the just struggle of the people of Kampuchea under the leadership of the Government of Democratic Kampuchea. On behalf of the people of Kampuchea and the Government of Democratic Kampuchea and on my own behalf, I should like to express my most sincere gratitude to you and to your Government.

"The people of Kampuchea and the Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea, under the leadership of the Government of Democratic Kampuchea, are at present successfully conducting a people's war throughout the entire country with the intention of driving all the Vietnamese invasion forces from Kampuchea. They have inflicted very heavy losses in men and equipment on the Vietnamese invasion forces and have totally defeated the criminal efforts being made by Viet Nam to 'Khmerize' its war of aggression by making Khmers fight Khmers. That is why Viet Nam has just sent three additional divisions to reinforce the 14 divisions which it is already maintaining in Kampuchea and is intensifying its war of aggression and invasion against Democratic Kampuchea.

"Furthermore, in order to camouflage this aggression and invasion, Viet Nam is frantically seeking to deceive the international community by

attempting with unprecedented perfidiousness to obtain recognition, by the United Nations, the non-aligned movement and all countries devoted to peace, justice and independence, of the Vietnamese administration which it has installed in Phnom Penh by force of arms and which is surviving only because of the presence of the Vietnamese occupation forces.

"The Government of Democratic Kampuchea calls upon all countries devoted to peace, justice and independence and all international organizations, the United Nations and the non-aligned movement:

1. To continue to denounce and condemn the Vietnamese aggression and invasion of Democratic Kampuchea and to demand that Viet Nam halt its aggression and invasion of Democratic Kampuchea, that it withdraw all its armed forces from Kampuchea and that it respect the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Kampuchea as well as the right of the people of Kampuchea to decide their own destiny;
2. To continue to reject the manoeuvres by Viet Nam designed to obtain recognition of the Vietnamese administration which has been installed in Phnom Penh;
3. To halt all aid and assistance - even so-called humanitarian aid - to Viet Nam, which is not hesitating to make use of such aid and assistance in order to intensify its invasion and its crimes against Kampuchea;
4. To provide comprehensive aid and support to the just struggle of the people of Kampuchea under the leadership of the Government of Democratic Kampuchea, which is the only legal and legitimate Government of Kampuchea.

"Highest consideration.

Kampuchea, 12 February 1979."

I should be grateful if you would have this text circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Thiounn PRASITH  
Ambassador Extraordinary  
and Plenipotentiary  
of Democratic Kampuchea

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