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LETTER DATED 21 FEBRUARY 1979 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
POLAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you the statement by the Government of the Polish People's Republic of 18 February 1979 concerning the aggression launched by China against the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

I shall be grateful if the statement be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) H. JAROSZEK  
Ambassador

Annex

Statement dated 18 February 1979 from the Government of the  
Polish People's Republic

The Government of the Polish People's Republic condemns with profound indignation the aggression against the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam launched by the armed forces of the People's Republic of China on 17 February 1979. This crime against peace and international security committed against a sovereign State, constitutes a violation of the basic principles of international law. The invasion represents an expression of the dangerous policy of expansionism and hegemonism pursued by Peking's ruling circles, especially towards South-East Asia.

The people of Poland, remembering well the atrocities of war, are particularly shocked that the victim of pressure, blackmail and armed aggression is Viet Nam, which for the international community has been a symbol of struggle for liberation, independence and sovereignty.

We strongly demand that hostilities be immediately halted and all troops of the People's Republic of China be withdrawn from the territory of Viet Nam.

The Government and the people of the Polish People's Republic express their full solidarity with the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam in its just struggle against China's aggression, for the preservation of its independence and territorial integrity.

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