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LETTER DATED 22 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 declaration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Democratic Kampuchea concerning the conflict between China and Viet Nam, of 19 February 1979.

I would request you to have the declaration circulated as a Security Council document.

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

Annex

Declaration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Democratic
Kampuchea concerning the conflict between China and Viet Nam,
on 19 February

On 17 February 1979, by order of the Chinese Government, Xinhua News Agency made a declaration stating that China was forced to wage a counter-attack in response to the acts of aggression perpetrated by the Le Duan-Pham Van Dong clique. Executing the Soviet scheme, this clique has unceasingly created incidents which caused the destruction of villages and the loss of lives of the Chinese people. It has also killed and maltreated hundreds of thousands of overseas Chinese.

By the present Declaration, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Democratic Kampuchea, on behalf of the Government of Democratic Kampuchea, voices its support to the just measures taken by the People's Republic of China to defend its territorial integrity and its sacred frontiers.

For a long time, Democratic Kampuchea has suffered the cruel and savage acts of aggression perpetrated by Viet Nam. So she knows these acts perfectly and has gained the bitter experience at the cost of the blood and flesh of her people.

Since a long time, the Vietnamese administration of the Le Duan-Pham Van Dong clique has all along nursed the ambition of annexing and swallowing the territories of the neighbouring countries. After it had undermined easily the independence and sovereignty of Laos, this administration launched open aggression against Democratic Kampuchea in 1977. This war of aggression went on until it started its current large scale invasion against Democratic Kampuchea and seized temporarily the capital of Phnom Penh. In the face of this aggression the Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea and the people of Kampuchea are waging a resolute struggle, refusing categorically to be enslaved by the Vietnamese and continuing a valiant fight against the Le Duan-Pham Van Dong clique, on whom heavy blows are being dealt every day. The clique has thus been put into an inextricable situation. However, nursing a perfidious ambition which it hopes to realize, the Le Duan-Pham Van Dong clique is trying on all occasions to extend its expansion, in accordance with the Soviet expansionist scheme of world domination. This clique is as ungrateful as crocodiles, forgetting totally the hardship suffered and sacrifices made by the Chinese people in order to assist its war efforts against the United States imperialism. It continues to seek pretexts to extend its expansion at the expense of China, both on land and at sea. In the meantime, the clique has maltreated the pacific Chinese inhabitants, breaking up hundreds of thousands of families.

For a long time, the people of Kampuchea have been the victims of such cruel and arrogant acts too. The Government of Democratic Kampuchea and the people of Kampuchea, upon the experiences they suffered most bitterly in their history, support resolutely the just measures taken by the People's Republic of China for waging a counter-attack in response to the acts of aggression by Viet Nam. These

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measures taken by the People's Liberation Army of China for thwarting the incessant provocations perpetrated by the Le Duan-Pham Van Dong clique along the border, are a righteous act which enjoys the support of the peoples all over the world, because these measures constitute an active contribution to the safeguarding of the independence, the territorial integrity, the peace and stability in South-East Asia, in Asia and the world over.

The Government of Democratic Kampuchea expresses its conviction that the aggressor and expansionist Le Duan-Pham Van Dong clique is doomed to fail, and the righteous cause for which the Government of the People's Republic of China is fighting is bound to win.

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