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VIET NAM TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

At the request of Mr. Hun Sen, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the enclosed message dated 23 February 1979 which he has addressed to you.

I shall be very grateful if you will have this message circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) HA VAN LAU
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations

Annex

H.E. Mr. Abdalla Yaccoub Bishara
President of the Security Council
of the United Nations
New York

Mr. President,

I have the honour to bring to Mr. President's notice that:

In furtherance to the 8 January 1979 message of Mr. Heng Samrin, President of the People's Revolutionary Council of the People's Republic of Kampuchea sent to Mr. Donald O. Mills, Ambassador of Jamaica, the then President of the United Nations Security Council, I would like to reaffirm that: the People's Revolutionary Council of the People's Republic of Kampuchea is the only authentic legal representative of the people of Kampuchea. The Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique was overthrown by the people of Kampuchea, they no longer represent anybody, has no right to speak at any forum anything whatsoever on behalf of Kampuchea. All meetings of the Security Council to discuss questions related to Kampuchea must have the representative of the People's Republic of Kampuchea appointed by the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea to take part and strictly respect the independence, sovereignty of Kampuchea in conformity with the United Nations Charter and international law; all meetings of the Security Council on questions related to Kampuchea in which there is no participation of representatives of the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea are null and void.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Phnom Penh, 23 February 1979

Hun Sen
Minister of Foreign Affairs
of the
People's Republic of Kampuchea
