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

I have the honour to present to you the following:

The fundamental cause of the border conflict between Kampuchea and Viet Nam lies in the Peking authorities' expansionist policy in South-East Asia. This expansionist policy is to occupy exclusively the East Sea, to pit the three Indo-Chinese countries against one another, to push countries in the Association of South East Asian Nations into opposing Viet Nam and Laos. It is the Peking policy to divide South-East Asian countries in an attempt to carry out Chinese hegemony in this region.

An independent and sovereign Viet Nam constitutes a major obstacle to the Peking expansionist policy. The Chinese authorities have used the Kampuchean ruling clique, given rise to the Viet Nam border war, sent Chinese troops to occupy the Paracels archipelago of Viet Nam; incited the Hoa people to make troubles in Viet Nam, unilaterally abrogated the commitments on aid and co-operation with Viet Nam, carried out violations and territorial encroachments against Viet Nam along the Viet Nam-China border and done many other wrong actions against Viet Nam.

The Peking and Phnom Penh authorities' propagandistic allegations about the so-called "aggression of Kampuchea by Viet Nam" were designed solely to cover up their crimes against the Vietnamese people, against the Kampuchean people and to cover up the Peking expansionist scheme in South-East Asia.

In order to safeguard peace and stability in this region, the point is that the Peking authorities' expansionist policy in South-East Asia and their policy of opposing Viet Nam should be stopped. The border conflict between Kampuchea and Viet Nam is only a manifestation of the above-mentioned policy of Peking.

I would like to request, Mr. President, to arrange for the circulation of the text of this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative to
the United Nations