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LETTER DATED 8 SEPTEMBER 1976 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF SRI LANKA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the declaration issued today by the Co-ordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Countries concerning the application for admission to the United Nations submitted by the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

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

(Signed) H. S. AMERASINGHE
Permanent Representative

Annex

COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE CO-ORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED
COUNTRIES ON THE APPLICATION OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
VIET NAM FOR ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The Co-ordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Countries met on 7 September 1976 in New York at ambassadorial level and discussed the application of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam for admission to membership of the United Nations.

The Co-ordinating Bureau unanimously declares as follows:

After 30 years of fierce fighting, the Vietnamese people have emerged triumphant from their struggle and reunified their country through their own efforts, free from external interference, with the encouragement and goodwill of friendly nations. The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam has adopted a policy of socialism and non-alignment. The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam pursues a foreign policy founded on peace and co-operation among nations in the interests of international security.

The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam satisfies all the requirements of Article 4 of the Charter relating to membership of the United Nations. The non-aligned countries firmly support the admission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations. This support has been categorically expressed in the Declaration of the Fifth Summit Conference of the Non-Aligned Countries held in Colombo in August 1976.

The admission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations would be in complete conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and would enable the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to make a valuable contribution, as a peace-loving country, to the cause of international co-operation to which the non-aligned movement as a whole is committed. The Co-ordinating Bureau calls on all non-aligned countries and all nations dedicated to peace and justice, to give their unqualified support to the admission of Viet Nam to the United Nations and is confident that the justice of their cause would receive wider recognition than ever before.

The Co-ordinating Bureau considers that any opposition to the admission of Viet Nam to the United Nations is legally and morally irrelevant, indefensible and unjustifiable, contrary to the United Nations Charter and an affront to the express wishes of the overwhelming majority of the Members of the United Nations representing the widest possible spectrum of international opinion.

The Co-ordinating Bureau calls upon the United Nations Security Council to discharge its high responsibility in a spirit of unswerving fidelity to the principles of the Charter and to give prompt and positive consideration to the application of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam for admission to membership of the United Nations.