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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE  
STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 28 August 1981 from the Permanent Representative of  
Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith the statement issued on 28 August 1981 by a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, refuting the charge laid by the Foreign Ministry of Thailand against the shelling of Thai territory by Vietnamese armed forces in Kampuchea, and kindly request Your Excellency to have this letter and its enclosure circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under items 34 and 58 of the provisional agenda.

(Signed) HA VAN LAU  
Permanent Representative of the  
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam  
to the United Nations

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ANNEX

STATEMENT  
BY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE  
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

*According to a Bangkok radio late news broadcast on August 26, 1981, the Thai Foreign Ministry charged that Vietnamese armed forces in Kampuchea shelled Thai territory causing losses to Thai people.*

*The Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam firmly refutes this allegation prompted by bad intention, which is clearly aimed at serving the dark design of the U.S. imperialists in collusion with the Beijing expansionists and hegemonists against Viet Nam and other countries in Indochina.*

*The U.S. imperialists and the Beijing great-nation expansionists have suffered disastrous defeats in their respective wars of aggression against Viet Nam, but so far they have not abandoned their evil attempts at annexing Viet Nam and the other countries in Indochina. To this aim, they are trying to maintain tension, sabotaging dialogue and creating confrontation between the ASEAN countries and the Indochinese countries. However, no matter how cruel and cunning they may be, they will not escape failure.*

*The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam reaffirms its consistent policy of strict respect for the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of Thailand. No slanderous allegations and distortions of Viet Nam's correct policy can fool anybody.*

*Hanoi, August 28, 1981*