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Letter dated 22 September 1981 from the Permanent Representative of  
Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

At the request of His Excellency Mr. Hun Sen, Vice-President of the Council of Ministers and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, I have the honour to enclose the statement dated 21 September 1981 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea on the representation of Kampuchea in the United Nations, and request you to have the statement and this note circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 3.

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

ANNEX

STATEMENT  
BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC  
OF KAMPUCHEA ON THE REPRESENTATION OF KAMPUCHEA IN THE  
UNITED NATIONS

On 18 September 1981, the General Assembly of the United Nations decided to allow the representatives of the criminal Pol Pot-Ieng Sary-Khieu Samphan gang to occupy Kampuchea's seat in the United Nations. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs recalls once again the position of the People's Republic of Kampuchea with respect to Kampuchea's representation in the United Nations.

1. So-called "Democratic Kampuchea" comprises nothing more than a gang of criminals, rejected and condemned to death by the Kampuchean people for their monstrous crime of genocide. That bloody régime, overthrown by the Kampuchean people on 7 January 1979, is now merely a fetid political corpse, in control of neither territory, population nor administration. Its alleged representatives in fact represent only criminals responsible for genocide of unprecedented barbarity and highway bandits who operate along the Thai-Kampuchean border committing crimes and acts of piracy against the Kampuchean people.

2. As is well known, following the overthrow of the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique, which was the docile instrument of the expansionist policy of Peking's ruling circles, the Government of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, enjoying the support of the people, is effectively managing the country's affairs, pursuing a foreign policy of peace, friendship and broad co-operation with all countries without distinction, and providing a political régime complying with the principles of the United Nations Charter and attempting to maintain peace and stability in South-East Asia and the world. The Government of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, elected by the representatives of the people of Kampuchea, is the legal and legitimate representative of the Kampuchean people. It alone is fully competent to honour international commitments and fulfil the obligations of United Nations membership.

3. The decision taken by the United Nations General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session thus fails to correspond to the current situation in Kampuchea, or to the wishes and interests of the Kampuchean people. It also runs counter to the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations, to justice, morality and the principles of international law, and humiliates the memory of the 3 million Kampucheans savagely massacred by that régime. The Government of the People's Republic of Kampuchea vigorously condemns that decision, which is only encouraging the Chinese expansionists, the United States imperialists and their allies in their manoeuvres to resuscitate the corpse of "Democratic Kampuchea" in order to perpetrate anew the genocide of the Kampuchean people.

4. The Government of the People's Republic of Kampuchea expresses its sincere gratitude to all those friendly countries which, at the current session of the General Assembly, have defended the just cause of the Kampuchean people and the principles of justice, morality and international law.

PHNOM PENH, 21 September 1981