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QUESTION OF NAMIBIA

Letter dated 25 May 1979 from the Permanent Representative
of the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations
addressed to the President of the General Assembly

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea sent you a message dated 18 May 1979, as contained in United Nations document A/33/566.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea recalls that the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique was completely overthrown by the Kampuchean people on 7 January 1979. The so-called Government of "Democratic Kampuchea" is no longer in existence on Kampuchean soil. The People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea, which is now controlling the whole country and managing all its home and external affairs, is the sole legitimate and legal representative of Kampuchea. Anyone who is not appointed by the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea has no right to act or speak on behalf of Kampuchea at any forum of the United Nations or any other international organization.

The delegation of the German Democratic Republic to the present session of the General Assembly supports the declaration of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea since it complies with the actual state of affairs in that country. Any attempts to declare a person that is appointed and directed by China as the representative of the people of Kampuchea can only be regarded as an inadmissible interference in the internal affairs of that people which is detrimental to the authority of the United Nations.

The delegation of the German Democratic Republic reaffirms its view that only a representative appointed by the People's Revolutionary Council is authorized to represent the People's Republic of Kampuchea in the United Nations.

The delegation of the German Democratic Republic requests to have the text of this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 27.

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