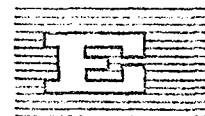


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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS  
IN ALL COUNTRIES, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL AND OTHER  
DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

Communication dated 8 September 1980 from the Permanent Mission of  
Democratic Kampuchea addressed to the Director of the  
Division of Human Rights

"With reference to the work of the thirty-third session of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, which is currently taking place at Geneva, I have the honour to provide the following information concerning the implementation of Commission on Human Rights resolution 29 (XXXVI) of 11 March 1980 concerning Kampuchea.

As is well known, a war situation has prevailed for the past 20 months throughout Kampuchea, where the 250,000-strong Vietnamese army of aggression, supported by the Soviet Union, is organizing a famine as a weapon of extermination, intensifying the use of chemical weapons and committing excesses of unprecedented barbarity. This aggression is resulting in the death of several million Kampucheans and bringing about a huge exodus of refugees, developments which have shaken the conscience of mankind.

A new situation has therefore obtained for more than a year and a half in Kampuchea, which is an independent, sovereign, non-aligned State and a Member of the United Nations. This tragic turmoil is the direct result of the machinations of the Vietnamese authorities, which are interfering militarily and blatantly violating the fundamental rights of an entire people. Today, when this aggression is universally condemned, those authorities and their accomplices are trying to draw the Commission on Human Rights into their manoeuvres designed to legalize this aggression through the proposed dispatch of a United Nations delegation to Kampuchea.

Moreover, whereas Kampuchea's present tragedy is caused solely by Vietnamese aggression, the effect of these manoeuvres would be to have an investigation conducted into other matters. As long as the army of aggression remains in this country, the tragedy of its people will never end, for all its rights continue to be violated. As we see it, therefore, it is with respect to this newly created situation that the Commission on Human Rights took the decisions embodied in paragraph 10 of the above-mentioned resolution.

I would be grateful if you could arrange for this letter to be circulated as an official document of the Commission on Human Rights."