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ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION: STATUS OF
THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT
OF THE CRIME OF APARTHEID

Letter dated 30 November 1981 from the Permanent Representative
of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

With reference to the letter from the United Nations Secretariat
C.N.211.1981.TREATIES-5 dated 24 August 1981 concerning the accession of so-called
"Democratic Kampuchea" to the International Convention on the Suppression and
Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith
a note from the Permanent Mission of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the
United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this note to be circulated to the
States parties to the above-mentioned Convention, and also as an official document
of the General Assembly under agenda item 82 (c).

(Signed) V. A. KRAVETS
Permanent Representative
of the Ukrainian SSR to
the United Nations

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Note verbale dated 30 November 1981 from the Permanent Mission
of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United
Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the letter from the United Nations Secretariat C.N.211.1981.TREATIES-5 dated 24 August 1981, concerning the accession of so-called "Democratic Kampuchea" to the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid, deems it necessary to state the following:

Representatives of the Ukrainian SSR have repeatedly stated, at the thirty-sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly as well as on other occasions, that the Government of the People's Republic of Kampuchea is the sole legitimate representative of that country in the international arena. The accession of the blood-thirsty régime of Pol Pot's supporters - which has annihilated 3 million Kampucheans or nearly half the population of Kampuchea - to the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid constitutes the grossest contempt for the generally accepted principles and rules of international law and a flagrant affront to the memory of the victims of Pol Pot's hangmen.

For the above-mentioned reasons, the Ukrainian SSR regards the "accession" of so-called "Democratic Kampuchea" to the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid as unlawful and considers that it has no legal force.