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Letter dated 22 January 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the memorandum issued on 4 January 1982 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China and request that it be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Report of the Security Council", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) LIANG Yufan
Acting Permanent Representative of the People's
Republic of China to the United Nations

ANNEX

MEMORANDUM OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

January 4, 1982

On 4 January 1982, Deputy Director ZHANG Dewei of the First Asian Department of the Chinese Foreign Ministry met Tran Viet Ha, Counsellor of the Vietnamese Embassy in China, and was authorized to reply as follows:

In a note of the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry dated 28 December 1981, Viet Nam proposed a "suspension of armed hostilities and the firing of guns in the areas along the Sino-Vietnamese border" during the Spring Festival (TET). As the Chinese side has repeatedly pointed out, the "proposal" of the Vietnamese side is hypocritical and solely designed to confound world opinion and deceive the Vietnamese people so as to cover up its criminal anti-China acts. Tension in the areas along the Sino-Vietnamese border is the result of the hostile anti-China policies and regional hegemonism pursued by the Vietnamese authorities. So long as the Vietnamese side refrains from military provocations and incursive activities along the Chinese border areas during the Spring Festival or at any other time, the Chinese side will not make any counter-attack, and peace and stability will prevail in the Sino-Vietnamese border areas.