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THE SITUATION IN KAMPUCHEA

Letter dated 22 February 1982 from the Permanent Representative
of Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, for your information, the statement made on 18 February 1982 by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Democratic Kampuchea denouncing and condemning the show staged by the Hanoi authorities in Vientiane.

I would be most grateful if you would have this text circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 20 of the preliminary list.

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Ambassador
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Democratic Kampuchea

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ANNEX

STATEMENT BY THE SPOKESMAN
OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA

DENOUNCING AND CONDEMNING THE SHOW STAGED
BY THE HANOI AUTHORITIES IN VIENTIANE

Recently in Vientiane, the Hanoi authorities have once again put on a stage-show on the occasion of a so-called meeting of their foreign minister with their puppets in Vientiane and Phnom Penh. The scenario has already been worn out. Nevertheless, they have ordered their two puppets to applaud and claim that it is something new.

In fact, this stage-show of Vientiane is nothing but the pursuing of manoeuvres the Hanoi authorities have carried out for their following perfidious design:

- Primo, to bury the problem of Kampuchea caused by their aggression by claiming there is only a conflict between them and Thailand,

- Secundo, to escape from implementing the United Nations resolutions calling for the withdrawal of all their troops from Kampuchea,

- Tertio, to split the rank of peace- and justice-loving countries which support the struggle for national survival of the Kampuchean people and the Government of Democratic Kampuchea, particularly the rank of the ASEAN countries in order to weaken the pressure exerted by those countries and to stop their support for this struggle.

The Government of Democratic Kampuchea categorically denounces and condemns this Vientiane stage-show and these Hanoi authorities manoeuvres.

At present, there is not a single sign showing that the Hanoi authorities have any intention whatsoever to withdraw their troops from Kampuchea in conformity with the United Nations resolutions. Instead, they continue to carry out the law of the jungle, unceasingly launch mopping-up and massacre operations against the Kampuchean population, spreading most

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barbarously their war of aggression, annexation and genocide in Kampuchea. Their activities in the international arena, their proposals put forward in any formula whatsoever are nothing but attempts to make their invasion of Kampuchea accepted as a fait accompli. It is common knowledge that, whenever in difficulties, the Hanoi authorities always resort to manoeuvres of diversion. The world public opinion is not dupe.

The Government of Democratic Kampuchea is convinced that the peace- and justice-loving countries the world over will continue to increase their pressure on the Hanoi authorities so that they withdraw all their troops from Kampuchea in conformity with the United Nations resolutions, and continue to lend more powerful support to the just struggle waged by the Kampuchean people and the Government of Democratic Kampuchea.

Democratic Kampuchea,
18 February 1982
