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

Over the recent period, the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations has repeatedly sent letters to the Secretary-General on the so-called "acts of aggression committed by Vietnamese forces" in Kampuchea against "Thai sovereignty and territorial integrity" (see the letters dated 29 January 1982 (A/37/78-S/14853), 10 February 1982 (A/37/86-S/14868) and 16 February 1982 (A/37/88-S/14872)).

Upon the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to bring to Your Excellency's notice that these charges made by Thailand are groundless and I flatly reject them. These slanderous charges only serve the Beijing authorities' scheme to create tension in the Kampuchea-Thai border area, to incite hostility between Thailand and the Indochinese countries and to undermine the dialogue between these countries and ASEAN.

It is the consistent policy of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to respect strictly the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of Thailand and at the same time to wish to develop relations of friendship and good neighbourliness with the Kingdom of Thailand.

In this connexion, I should like to forward herewith the statements of 6 and 19 February 1982 by the Viet Nam News Agency on the Thai slanderous charges against Viet Nam with regard to the developments in the Kampuchea-Thai border area (annexes I and II).

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I kindly request Your Excellency to have this note and its enclosures circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 20 and 35 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) HA VAN LAU
Permanent Representative of the
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
to the United Nations

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Annex I

STATEMENT BY VIET NAM NEWS AGENCY

"The Thai Newspaper 'The Nation' yesterday said that the Commander of Division 9 and the Commander of the First Military zone of the Thai army had spread the story that Vietnamese troops in Kampuchea had shelled Thai territory.

Viet Nam News Agency is authorized to flatly refute that slander. Undeniably this fabrication only serves China's scheme to push the ASEAN countries to oppose the Indochinese countries and mislead public opinion which is severely condemning China's sinister design of expansion and hegemony in this region.

The consistent policy of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam is to strictly respect the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of Thailand and at the same time to wish to develop relations of friendship and good neighbourliness with the Kingdom of Thailand".

HANOI, 6 February 1982

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STATEMENT BY VIET NAM NEWS AGENCY

According to an AFP report on 18 February 1982, a spokesman of the Supreme Command of the Thai Army spread the news that on 17 and 18 February 1982, Vietnamese troops had participated in the fight against a unit of Thai border guards inside Thai territory.

Viet Nam News Agency is authorized to flatly refute that slander.

This fabrication only serves Beijing's scheme to create tension in the Kampuchea-Thai border area, to incite hostility and to undermine the dialogue between the Indochinese countries and ASEAN.

HANOI, 19 February 1982
