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Letter dated 10 September 1979 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, a press release issued by the Ministry of Information of Democratic Kampuchea concerning the dropping of toxic chemical products on the innocent population by the Vietnamese aggressors.

I should be grateful if you would have this text circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 46 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) THICUNN Prasith  
Permanent Representative of  
Democratic Kampuchea

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ANNEX

Press release dated 7 September 1979 issued by the Ministry of  
Information of Democratic Kampuchea concerning the dropping of  
toxic chemical products on the innocent population by the  
Vietnamese aggressors

On 25 and 26 July and on 25 and 29 August 1979, Vietnamese aircraft dropped toxic chemical products on Phnom Reachtornng Mountain, north of Kirirom, province of Kampong Speu, causing the death of three elderly women, two 11-year-old children and three three-year-old children. In addition, many persons, most of whom were old people, pregnant women and children, were poisoned by these products.

The victims displayed the following symptoms: skin burns (comparable to those caused by fire), vomiting, dizziness, fever causing death unless care is provided in time.

Our physicians, acting with great devotion, were able to save a number of victims.

These air drops of toxic chemical products constitute a new crime perpetrated by the Vietnamese aggressors to add to the long list of crimes they have committed against the people of Kampuchea since launching their savage war of aggression. The strategy of the Vietnamese aggressors is to swallow Kampuchea and completely exterminate the race of Kampuchea in order to make it disappear from the map of the world. Therefore they do not hesitate to resort to the most barbarous and fascistic means and procedures of extermination, going so far as to use toxic products which have been universally prohibited. This crime shows that the Vietnamese aggressors, led by the Le Duan clique, are far more cruel and more fascistic than the Nazis. They trample international law, and, in order to realize their regional expansionist ambitions, they apply the law of the jungle in international relations, particularly in their relations with neighbouring countries. This poses grave dangers not only to the people of Kampuchea but also to the peoples of South-East Asia and to the peoples of the world and all mankind.

The Ministry of Information of Democratic Kampuchea, on behalf of the entire people of Kampuchea, victimized by Viet Nam's extremely barbarous war of aggression, calls upon world public opinion and all mankind to condemn the crimes of the Vietnamese aggressors against the people of Kampuchea and to take immediate and effective steps to prevent them from committing more such crimes, by demanding that Viet Nam should put an end to the escalation of its war of aggression against Kampuchea and should immediately and unconditionally withdraw all its troops, thereby permitting the people of Kampuchea to settle its problems by itself, without foreign intervention.