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Letter dated 17 September 1979 from the Permanent Representative
of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the President of
the General Assembly and to the Secretary-General

On the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to the message dated 7 September 1979 of His Excellency Mr. Hun Sen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, addressed to the President of the General Assembly and to the Secretary-General (A/34/460, annex).

In his message, Mr. Hun Sen pointed out that the so-called "Democratic Kampuchea" was abolished by the Kampuchean people on 7 January 1979, and the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary genocidal reactionary clique has just been sentenced to death in absentia by the People's Revolutionary Tribunal of Kampuchea. The People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea, which is in control of the whole of Kampuchea and handling all domestic and external affairs of the country, is the sole authentic and legal representative of the Kampuchean people. Anyone who is not appointed by the Kampuchean People's Revolutionary Council and the Central Committee of the National Front for the Salvation of Kampuchea has no right to represent the Kampuchean people at the United Nations and all other international organizations and conferences. Therefore, for the sake of the honour and prestige of the United Nations and in respect for the Charter of the United Nations and international law, the General Assembly should restore Kampuchea's seat at the United Nations to the sole authentic and legal representative of the Kampuchean people - the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea.

In the above message, Minister Hun Sen also referred to the so-called "Kampuchean problem" and held that any inclusion of the matters related to Kampuchea in the agenda of the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly without the consent of the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea and any

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discussion of such matters without the presence of the representatives of this Council will constitute a brazen interference in the internal affairs of the Kampuchean people and will run counter to the principles of international law and the Charter of the United Nations. Minister Hun Sen also pointed out that "All resolutions passed at international conferences without full and equal participation of the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea will be illegal and invalid, and the United Nations must share the responsibility".

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam fully supports the correct position of the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea expounded in the above message of Mr. Hun Sen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea.

I kindly request you, Mr. Secretary-General, to have this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 3 of the provisional agenda.

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