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Letter dated 28 June 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith extracts from the editorial of 22 June 1982 in the Vietnamese daily, Nhan Dan on the so-called "coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea" set up in Kuala Lumpur, entitled "A corpse is a corpse".

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

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EXTRACTS OF THE EDITORIAL OF THE VIETNAMESE DAILY NHAN DAN
ON THE SO-CALLED "COALITION GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC
KAMPUCHEA" : A CORPSE IS A CORPSE.

A corpse is a corpse, says Nhan Dan.

Ha Noi VNA June 22 — Nhan Dan today says that the "official document" concerning the formation of a "coalition government" to be signed in Kuala Lumpur by the three exile Kampuchean factions is only a farce.

In an article entitled "a corpse is a corpse", the paper says :
"This surprises nobody. The play has been prepared by Beijing and Washington for more than a year, now, and had it not been for wrangles among the cast it could have made its debut earlier. Now that both the U.N. General Assembly and the Non-Aligned summit are going to meet and more governments are fed up with the presence of the genocidal gang at the United Nations, Beijing and Washington hurriedly pressure their henchmen into a 'coalition government'.

Anyone interested in the situation can see that this is a move by China and the United States to give a new mask to the Pol Pot - Ieng Sary - Khieu Samphan genocidal clique in an attempt to occupying the seat of Kampuchea at the United Nations and other international bodies and to using them for continued interference in Kampuchea's internal affairs.

The description of this 'coalition government' as 'representative' is truly ridiculous. In the opinion of the world this is merely a monster conceived by Chinese expansionism and U.S. imperialism. It is evident of the expansionists' and imperialists' gross interference to force other peoples to act at their beck-call."

Nhan Dan goes on :

"It is regrettable that the A.S.E.A.N. governments are helping to stage this play. They should be aware of the dangerous precedent this would create-

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Beijing's manipulation of maoist groups in their own countries. Beijing do to other Southeast Asian Countries what it is doing to Kampuchea today. The A.S.E.A.N. countries should also be aware that they are being used by China to oppose Indochina and to create tension in the whole region so that it may fish in troubled waters.

"Even by rigging up a ghost government the expansionists and imperialists cannot hope to divert public opinion from reality in Kampuchea. For more than three years now under the People's Revolutionary Party of Kampuchea, the Kampuchean people have recorded many achievements in all fields. The fourth P.R.P.K. Congress and the Democratic General Elections last year were both a great success. With the rebirth of their country, the people's confidence in the new regime and their attachment to it are growing. Facts in the past three years testified to the steady advance of the Kampuchean Revolution and the ignominious failure of counter-revolutionary forces."

The paper says :

"No perfidy can reverse the situation in Kampuchea. A corpse is a corpse, no matter how it is dolled up. The Troika produced by Beijing and Washington will take its passengers to failure. Worse still the horses will kick one another and upset the carriage. The Kampuchean people will advance steadily along the path they have chosen. This is a great truth which nothing can cover up or distort. The Kampuchean people allow no one to shape their destinies for them. Kampuchea's seat at the United Nations and other international organizations belongs to the People's Republic of Kampuchea".
