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Letter dated 26 October 1982 from the Permanent Representative of  
Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

At the request of His Excellency Mr. Hun Sen, Vice-President of the Council of Ministers and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, I have the honour to forward herewith his message of 22 October 1982 addressed to Your Excellency on the occasion of the debate in the General Assembly of the item entitled "The situation in Kampuchea".

I should be grateful if you could have this note and its enclosure circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda items 20 and 35.

(Signed) HOANG BICH SON  
Permanent Representative of the  
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam  
to the United Nations

**M E S S A G E**

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H.E. Mr. JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR  
Secretary General of the  
United Nations Organization

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Excellency,

"It is regrettable to note that the U.N. which has been founded to defend justice and safeguard peace and human rights has been forced to discuss what is called "Situation in Kampuchea" which is in fact only a deliberate and disparaging fabrication of the Chinese expansionists and hegemonists, the U.S. imperialists and their satellites in the A.S.E.A.N., regardless of the repeated protests of the Government and the entire people of the People's Republic of Kampuchea.

"At a time when the whole world was indignantly condemning and is continuing to condemn the genocidal crimes committed between 1975 and 1978 by the sanguinary Pol Pot - Ieng Sary - Khieu Samphan clique in collusion with their Beijing patron, why did the U.N. not discuss or raise the question of this tragic "Situation in Kampuchea" ?

"At a time when all progressive peoples acclaim the extraordinary achievements of our people obtained during the first three years of its rebirth, why has the U.N. continued to accept within its organisation the representatives of an overthrown genocidal regime ? Why has the United Nations not invited the authentic representatives of the Kampuchean people, victim of this genocidal regime, to its tribune to speak of the heroism of their people ?

"Why, today, is the United Nations allowing some notorious aggressors who have sown discord among nations, threatened peace and caused tension in different parts of the world to use its tribune in a hypocritical manner, posing as defenders of the principles of non-interference in the internal affairs of others, claiming to safeguard the right to self-determination of the Kampuchean people, demanding the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Kampuchea, and clamouring for a solution to the so-called "Kampuchean question" while at the same time the Kampuchean people, victim of the genocidal regime, are deprived of the right to make their just voice heard ?

"The Government and people of the People's Republic of Kampuchea wish to declare that there is no Kampuchean question. . The simple truth is that the fascist and genocidal regime of Pol Pot, Ieng Sary and Khieu Samphan, henchmen of Beijing, has been overthrown by the Kampuchean people. The Government of Democratic Kampuchea led by Sihanouk is only a rally of disguised criminals of genocide.

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"The draft resolution drawn up by the countries of A.S.E.A.N. is only a manoeuvre of the Chinese reactionaries, the U.S. imperialists and the A.S.E.A.N. countries, their henchmen, aimed at restoring the regime of genocide in Kampuchea. The Government of the People's Republic of Kampuchea is administering the totality of the Kampuchean territory. It is the only authentic and legal representative of the Kampuchean people.

"We deem it necessary to declare once again that all discussions on the so-called "Situation in Kampuchea" shall constitute a gross and inadmissible interference in the internal affairs of the Kampuchean people and it runs counter to the U.N. Charter. All decisions relating to Kampuchea to be adopted without the consent and the presence of the representatives of the People's Republic of Kampuchea will be considered illegal, null and void.

"The United Nations must put an end to these illogical practices in order to redress its prestige and honour . Otherwise, it can only harm its own reputation and its international role. The People's Republic of Kampuchea continues to strengthen and to develop in an irreversible manner. The just cause of the Kampuchean people will win. The right to authentic and legal representation of the Kampuchean people belongs solely to the People's Republic of Kampuchea.

"I wish to ask you to circulate this text as official document of the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly".

PHNOM PENH, October 22, 1982

HUN SEN  
Vice President of the Council  
of Ministers  
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the  
People's Republic of Kampuchea.

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