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Letter dated 16 December 1987 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement issued on 13 December 1987 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam in support of the statement of 12 December 1987 by the Defence Ministry of the People's Republic of Kampuchea in response to Thailand's decision to withdraw its troops from the Thai/Kampuchean border.

It would be highly appreciated if you could have this letter and its enclosure circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 24, 42, 72, 129 and 138, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) BUI XUAN NHAT
Ambassador
Acting Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Statement dated 13 December 1987 issued by the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam

On 12 December 1987, the Ministry of National Defence of the People's Republic of Kampuchea issued a statement welcoming Thailand's withdrawal of a large number of its troops far from the Kampuchean/Thai border. At the same time, the Defence Ministry of the People's Republic of Kampuchea also stated that with its consent and that of the Command of the Vietnamese volunteer army in Kampuchea, Vietnamese volunteers stationed along the Kampuchean/Thai border would withdraw 15 kilometres from that border into Kampuchean territory, excluding some areas where the opposition Khmer forces still continue to infiltrate into Kampuchea for sabotage activities against the Kampuchean people. The People's Republic of Kampuchea hopes that, following this act of goodwill, the voluntary return of Kampuchean refugees in Thailand will take place or the Kampuchean refugee camps will be removed deep into Thailand, where civilians should be separated from the armed forces, along with the cessation of the use of Thai territory by opposition Khmer forces against the Kampuchean people. The statement of the Defence Ministry of the People's Republic of Kampuchea also reiterates the proposal by the People's Republic of Kampuchea for the creation of a zone of peace along the Kampuchean/Thai border under international supervision.

The Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam fully supports the statement of the Defence Ministry of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, considering it a positive response of the People's Republic of Kampuchea to Thailand's act of goodwill. The statement of 28 November 1987 by the Commander-in-Chief of the Thai army and the statement of 12 December 1987 by the Defence Ministry of the People's Republic of Kampuchea are important efforts aimed at alleviating the tense situation along the Kampuchean/Thai border, thus contributing to the search for a political solution to the Kampuchean problem and to peace and stability in South-East Asia in the interests of the countries of the region.

The Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam reiterates its proposal for the signing of a treaty of non-aggression between the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Kingdom of Thailand and renews its preparedness to meet the Thai Foreign Ministry to exchange views on issues of common concern.
