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Letter dated 5 March 1979 from the Permanent Representative of
China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the full text of the statement issued by the Xinhua News Agency on 5 March 1979 upon authorization of the Chinese Government and request that this statement be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 11 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) CHEN Chu
Permanent Representative of the
People's Republic of China
to the United Nations

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Statement issued by the Xinhua News Agency on 5 March 1979
upon authorization of the Chinese Government

The Xinhua News Agency is authorized by the Chinese Government to issue the following statement:

The Chinese frontier troops have attained the goals set for them since they were compelled to launch a counterattack in self-defence on 17 February against ceaseless armed provocations and incursions of the Vietnamese aggressors against China. The Chinese Government announces that, starting from 5 March 1979, all Chinese frontier troops are withdrawing to Chinese territory.

The Chinese Government reiterates that we do not want a single inch of Vietnamese territory, but neither will we tolerate incursions into Chinese territory. All we want is a peaceful and stable border. We hope that this just stand of the Chinese Government will be respected by the Government of Viet Nam and the Governments of other countries in the world. We warn the Vietnamese authorities that they must make no more armed provocations and incursions along the Chinese border after the withdrawal of the Chinese frontier troops. The Chinese Government solemnly states that the Chinese side reserves the right to strike back again in self-defence in case of a recurrence of such Vietnamese activities.

We have always held that disputes between nations should be settled peacefully through negotiations. The Chinese Government proposes once again that the Chinese and Vietnamese sides speedily hold negotiations to discuss ways of ensuring peace and tranquillity along the border between the two countries and then proceed to settle the boundary and territorial disputes. We sincerely hope that the Vietnamese side will respond positively to our proposal. The Chinese Government is prepared to give serious consideration to any proposals that will help to safeguard peace and tranquillity in the border areas and resolve the disputes concerned.

Between the Chinese and Vietnamese peoples there is a traditional friendship which is not only in the interests of our two peoples but also in the interests of the people of South-East Asia, of Asia as a whole and of the entire world. The Chinese people highly value their friendship with the Vietnamese people. Although this friendship has in recent years been damaged to our distress, we eagerly hope that it may be restored. We hope that the Vietnamese authorities will take the fundamental interests of the two peoples at heart and stop pursuing their hostile anti-China policy, so that the Chinese and Vietnamese peoples may live together in friendship from generation to generation.

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We believe that our positive and constructive stand will enjoy widespread international sympathy and support. At the same time, we hope that all countries and people that love peace and uphold justice will take measures to urge the Vietnamese authorities to stop promptly their aggression against Kampuchea and withdraw all their forces of invasion back to their own territory so as to serve the interests of the peace, security and stability of South-East Asia and of Asia as a whole.
