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Letter dated 29 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, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, I have the honour to forward herewith the statement made by the Foreign Ministry of the Peoples Republic of Kampuchea on 25 October 1982 concerning the result of the vote in the General Assembly on the representation of Kampuchea.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency could kindly 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

ANNEX

S T A T E M E N T

BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF  
KAMPUCHEA CONCERNING THE RESULT OF THE VOTE AT THE UNITED  
NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE REPRESENTATION OF  
KAMPUCHEA.

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Having resolutely protested against the presence of the representative of the so-called "Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea" at the 37th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea vehemently condemns and categorically rejects the decision of October 25 of this assembly in favour of the mandate of these disguised delegates of the genocidal Pol Pot clique. This illegal and unjust decision violated the right to self-determination of the Kampuchean people and runs counter to the United Nations Charter.

Democratic Kampuchea was only a regime of genocide which was overthrown by the Kampuchean people on January 7, 1979. The discoveries made one after another during the past three years have brought new testimonies to the monstrous crimes committed by the infamous regime scorned by all progressive people who have unanimously demanded its expulsion from the international political life. The so-called "Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea" set up illegally and hurriedly in a foreign capital by the bloody hands of the Chinese expansionists in collusion with the U.S. imperialists and the regional reactionaries is only a forcible grouping of certain traitors rallied around the criminal of genocide with a view to disguising them into standard - bearers of patriotism.

The hasty creation of this coalition aims to present a less ugly image of the corpse of Democratic Kampuchea at the 37th session of the U.N. General Assembly, impose the presence of this putrifying corpse on the members of this assembly, prevent the rebirth of the Kampuchean people, restore the genocidal Pol Pot regime in Kampuchea, and aggravate tension in Southeast Asia.

The presence of the representatives of the genocidal Pol Pot regime at the 37th Session of the U.N. General Assembly is completely contrary to the objective reality in Kampuchea, contrary to the aspirations and determination of more than six million Kampucheans now in full process of re-birth, contrary to the hopes of people of good will in the world. The objective reality in Kampuchea is that the People's Republic of Kampuchea is being consolidated and developed day after day, that it is enjoying the confidence and support of the entire people, that it has been recognized by numerous countries and millions of progressive people in the world as the only authentic and legal representative of the Kampuchean people. By accepting the presence within its organisation of the disguised clique of genocide behind whatever mask, the United Nations has committed a gross, brutal and inadmissible act of interference in the internal affairs of Kampuchea in violation of the spirit and letter of the United Nations Charter through their sinister manoeuvres of lying propaganda, blackmail and gross pressure, Beijing in collusion with Washington and the reactionaries in Southeast Asia have left no stone unturned to keep at the United Nations the seat for the corpse of the genocidal regime covered with a new label called "Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea". But the presence of the latter will only poison the atmosphere at the U.N. and create obstacles to the solutions to international problems and problems in Southeast Asia.

At the same time , it cannot save the so-called "coalition Government" from certain and quick disintegration, nor reverse the current trend of development and consolidation of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, nor block the trend towards peace, stability, friendship and cooperation in Southeast Asia.

It is very regrettable to note that the United Nations which has been created to safeguard peace and human rights has once again covered up and defended the saboteurs of peace and violators of human rights. The erroneous decisions of the 37th Session of the U.N. General Assembly concerning Kampuchea are heavy blows at the prestige of the U.N. . They will not change anything in the unchangeable process of continual rebirth and development of the People's Republic of Kampuchea. On the contrary, they will only further sharpen the firm determination of the Kampuchean people as a whole who, with their own efforts, with the militant solidarity of the three countries of Kampuchea, Viet Nam and Laos, and with the efficacious support of the socialist countries and non-aligned countries and progressive forces throughout the world, are quickly healing the wounds left by the genocidal regime and building a strong and prosperous People's Republic of Kampuchea, and are thus winning their worthy place in the international community.

The right to authentic and legal representation of Kampuchea belongs necessarily and solely to the People's Republic of Kampuchea. The People's Republic of Kampuchea is constantly consolidating and developing. No reactionary force can impede this irreversible trend. The just cause of the Kampuchean people will triumph.

PHNOM PENH October 25, 1982.

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