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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF A SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM
IN THE AGENDA OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION

THE SITUATION IN KAMPUCHEA

Letter dated 17 August 1979 from the representatives of
Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and
Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

On instructions from our Governments, the member States of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), we have the honour to request the inclusion of an item entitled "The situation in Kampuchea" in the agenda of the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

In submitting this item for consideration by the General Assembly, we attach herewith an explanatory memorandum, in accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and request you to circulate it as an official document of the Assembly.

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ANNEX

Explanatory memorandum

The member States of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) have been gravely concerned about the serious situation in Indo-China since the beginning of this year, arising out of the armed intervention against the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Kampuchea. The ASEAN States have strongly deplored the armed intervention and have called for the immediate and total withdrawal of foreign forces from Kampuchean territory. They have also reaffirmed the right of the people of Kampuchea to determine their future by themselves, free from interference or influence from outside Powers. The constructive proposals of ASEAN to restore peace and stability in the area, despite having received the support of an overwhelming majority of the members of the United Nations Security Council, failed to be adopted by the Council at its meetings held earlier this year.

The conflict in Kampuchea is continuing. In fact, it has worsened over the last few months. This situation poses a threat to the peace and security of the ASEAN member States and of the whole region.

There is a real danger that the conflict in Kampuchea would further worsen at the end of the current monsoon season. This would exacerbate the situation in the region, intensify the illegal overland exodus from Kampuchea, thereby aggravating the problems faced by neighbouring countries, and lead to an increased threat to regional peace and stability.

For all these reasons, the ASEAN States consider it necessary for the General Assembly to include this item in the agenda of its thirty-fourth session.
