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Letter dated 17 May 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, for your information, a commentary by <u>La Voix du Kampuchea démocratique</u> entitled "The perfidiousness of Viet Nam in its attempt to extend its war of aggression to Thailand".

I shall be grateful if you will circulate this text as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 46 of the provisional list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Commentary by La Voix du Kampuchea démocratique entitled "The perfidiousness of Viet Nam in its attempt to extend its war of aggression to Thailand"

Everyone is now fully aware that the Vietnamese strategy of aggression and expansion will not stop at the "Federation of Indo-China". This "Federation of Indo-China" is only a first step and a spring-board for Viet Nam to extend its aggression and expansion to Thailand and to all the countries of South-East Asia. For the time being, however, Viet Nam cannot push ahead, because of its failure to swallow up Kampuchea. The reason for this is that the people of Kampuchea and the Kampuchean Revolutionary Army, forming a monolithic unit under the leadership of the Government of Democratic Kampuchea, have risen up valiantly to fight the people's war against the Vietnamese aggression and are dealing it powerful blows everywhere, throughout Kampuchea. They are driving Viet Nam deeper and deeper into the inextricable morass of the people's war.

But the Vietnamese enemy, being of a barbarous and stubborn nature, does not resign itself to its successive bitter and ignominious defeats. Early in April, it made great efforts to rally its forces and launch a large-scale operation of general repression in Kampuchea. Its aim was to crush the leadership apparatus of Democratic Kampuchea at one blow and to suppress the struggle of the Kampuchean people. Once it had achieved that aim, it would have its hands free to push further ahead or, in other words, to extend its aggression and invasion to other countries of the South-East Asia region. However, Viet Nam was unable to achieve this criminal aim, because the heroic Kampuchean Revolutionary Army and revolutionary guerrilla forces and the valiant people of Kampuchea resolutely dealt it powerful blows, inflicting on it a heavy loss of lives. Its troops, both at the front and in the rear, were cut to pieces. Maddened with rage, Viet Nam then invented all kinds of stories to account for its defeat, accusing all and sundry of being the cause of the failure of its criminal plan. But what is even more important is that all Viet Nam's inventions, accusations and slanders are in fact intended to camouflage, most perfidiously, its design of extending its war of aggression to Thailand.

What the Vietnamese enemy did recently was to order its running dogs in Phnom Penh to launch repeated accusations and slanders against Thailand and manifold provocations on the Kampuchean-Thai frontier, with the aim of finding a pretext for attacking and invading Thailand. Simultaneously with that, Viet Nam massed large numbers of troops in northern Laos, adjacent to north-east Thailand, in order to bring pressure to bear on Thailand. So as to "legalize" the stationing of those troops in northern Laos, Viet Nam ordered its puppets in Vientane to make blustering statements, even to the point of bringing a complaint before the United Nations against China for allegedly violating and occupying part of northern Laos. This is truly the most ignoble perfidy on the part of Viet Nam, of a kind seldom seen in the world. The provocations and accusations

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now being launched against Thailand, and other stories invented by Viet Nam in order to accuse China and the countries of South-East Asia, are carbon copies of all those which Viet Nam invented to slander Democratic Kampuchea before throwing in more than 100,000 troops to attack and invade it. Still fresh in memory are the odious slanders hurled at Democratic Kampuchea by Viet Nam, some of which claimed that the Government of Democratic Kampuchea had already been overthrown by a coup d'état while others reported internal uprisings in various places. Afterwards, it created an entirely fictitious "Liberation Front". All these stories were simply pretexts to prepare world public opinion for its large-scale military aggression against and invasion of Kampuchea. When one remembers all those inventions and slanders hurled at Kampuchea by Viet Nam during the past year and compares them with those it is reciting now, one sees clearly that this too is a Vietnamese manoeuvre of the most perfidious kind to prepare world public opinion and create pretexts for its future aggression against and invasion of Thailand.

From all these facts, the countries and peoples of South-East Asia clearly discern the danger of an extension to Thailand of the war of aggression now being waged in Kampuchea by Viet Nam, and also its strategy of aggression and expansion aimed at the entire region of South-East Asia. They realize the need to strengthen their solidarity in order to resist and combat even more strongly and resolutely the expansionist strategy of Viet Nam, firmly supported by its Soviet masters. At the same time, they also realize the necessity of a determined campaign to demand categorically the withdrawal by Viet Nam of all its forces of aggression from Kampuchea, so that lasting peace and security may be ensured in this region, South-East Asia.
