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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD: PLANS AND ACTION TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN IN THE WORLD, PARTICULARLY IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Note verbale dated 12 June 1979 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit herewith messages sent, in connexion with the International Year of the Child, by Comrade Vilma Espín de Castro, President of the Cuban Committee for the International Year of the Child, to the Secretary-General of the United Nations (annex I), to Mrs. Helvi Sipilä (annex II), to Mrs. Stefania Aldaba-Lim (annex III), to the Vietnamese Women's League (annex IV), to Mrs. Hoang Dinh Cau (annex V) and to Mr. Romesh Chandra (annex VI).

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations would be most grateful if the Secretary-General of the United Nations could arrange for these messages to be reproduced and issued as official documents of the General Assembly under item 26 of the preliminary list.

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## ANNEX I

Message from the President of the Cuban Committee for the International Year of the Child addressed to the Secretary-General

We request you, in your capacity as Secretary-General of the United Nations, to demand that the Government of the People's Republic of China desist from the aggression which is daily causing the death of thousands of Vietnamese children who are innocent victims. It must be prevented from persisting in its threats and hostile actions against Viet Nam.

We request that you urge Member States to ensure that, in this International Year of the Child, Vietnamese children receive schools, books, toys, and medicine from the international community, so that bombs may not be their only childhood memories.

We request that you arrange for this message to be publicized and issued as an official document of our Government.

We trust that you will take action to that effect, which will redound to the benefit of those who have every right to live in peace, and to build a world of love and happiness in peace. Accept, Sir, the assurances of our highest consideration.

# ANNEX II

Message from the President of the Cuban Committee for the International Year of the Child addressed to

Mrs. Helvi Sipilä, Assistant Secretary-General for Social

Development and Humanitarian Affairs

Once again the heroic and peace-loving Vietnamese people have had to endure a war of aggression, in which their children above all, who are innocent victims, are suffering the most terrible consequences.

Every day we see pictures of children mangled by bombs, burnt or massacred.

Once again, we see pictures of mothers weeping over the bodies of their children.

The Cuban Committee for the International Year of the Child requests your Centre to call upon the Government of the People's Republic of China, a Member of the United Nations, to respect human rights in Viet Nam and stop the massacre.

In the context of this International Year of the Child, we demand respect for the rights of Vietnamese children, for the right to study, to play and to live in peace. We ask that there be no repetition of the genocide of the child population of Viet Nam.

We request that Governments be urged to give the children material assistance, so that instead of bombs they may have schools, books and toys from the international community.

We request that you arrange for this message to be publicized and distributed as an official document of our Government in the United Nations.

Looking forward to your action, we beg you to accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

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Message from the President of the Cuban Committee for the International Year of the Child addressed to Mrs. Stefania Aldaba-Lim, Special Representative for the International Year of the Child

In this International Year of the Child, in which all mankind is making a concerted effort to promote a secure and happy future for all the world's children, the blood of Vietnamese children is flowing in a new war of aggression.

On behalf of the Cuban Committee for the International Year of the Child we request that you ask all IYC national committees to lend moral and material support to the children of Viet Nam, who are innocent victims.

They need international assistance to rebuild their homes, schools and hospitals, to obtain food, clothing, medicine and toys, and to exercise their legitimate rights.

We also urge that you call upon the Government of the People's Republic of China to cease its aggression and thereby help to ensure a peaceful future for Vietnamese children and for all the world's children.

Looking forward to your action we beg you to accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

## ANNEX IV

# Message from the President of the Cuban Committee for the International Year of the Child addressed to the Vietnamese Women's League

Under the slogan, "For the children of Viet Nam, in the International Year of the Child", the entire Cuban people are preparing to hold a "Red Sunday" on 22 April, also to commemorate the birth of Lenin and the sixtieth anniversary of the first "Red Saturday" in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

This great day of voluntary productive labour will help to collect material assistance for the children of Viet Nam, who are once again victims of a criminal war of aggression; it reflects our militant solidarity with the heroic people of Viet Nam and constitutes a condemnation of Maoist acts of aggression. Be assured that today as in the past our people, and Cuban women, are ready to give their own blood for Viet Nam.

## AHMEX V

Message from the President of the Cuban Cormittee for the International Year of the Child addressed to Mrs. Hoang Dinh Cau, President of the Commission to Investigate the Crimes of the Chinese Aggressors against Vietnamese Children, Vietnamese Committee for the International Year of the Child

We most emphatically condemn the cowardly Chinese aggression against the heroic people of Viet Nam, in which its children have once again become the innocent victims of terrible crimes perpetrated by the Maoist invaders.

We reaffirm our decision to give material assistance to Vietnamese children in the International Year of the Child.

Our people will exert their utmost efforts during a voluntary production day to be held on 22 April, also in commemoration of the death of Lenin and the sixtieth anniversary of the first "Red Saturday" in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The proceeds from this Red Sunday will be donated to the children of Viet Nam. We wish to inform you that the Cuban Committee for the International Year of the Child is appealing to all national bodies for material and moral support for the children of Viet Nam.

#### ANNEX VI

Message from the President of the Cuban Committee for the International Year of the Child addressed to
Mr. Romesh Chandra, President of the World Peace Council

The bloody aggression unleashed against the people of Viet Nam by the ruling clique in China, whose criminal actions particularly affect Vietnamese women and children, who are innocent victims of that aggression, arouses the deepest indignation among all peoples of the world.

Our people, in common with all other progressive and peace-loving forces, is preparing to offer its solidarity and assistance to the children of Viet Nam, who are victims of aggression in this International Year of the Child.

We seek your co-operation in mobilizing all peace-loving forces for action that will be reflected in material assistance and solidarity for the people of Viet Nam and for their children, who do not know what peace is.

For the children of Viet Nam in the International Year of the Child!