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Letter dated 8 July 1988 from the representatives of the  
Lao People's Democratic Republic and Viet Nam to the  
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to enclose herewith the text of the press communiqué dated 6 July 1988 on the exchange of views between Mr. Nguyen Co Thach, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, and Mr. Thongsavat Khaykhamphithoun, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, regarding the 3 July 1988 statement of the Conference of ASEAN Foreign Ministers on the coming Jakarta cocktail party.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter and its annex were circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 23, 42, 72, 130 and 137 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Press communiqué dated 6 July 1988 on the ASEAN Foreign  
Ministers' statement

On 6 July 1988, comrade Nguyen Co Thach, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, and comrade Thongsavat Khaykhamphithoun, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, exchanged views on the ASEAN statement of 3 July concerning the coming Jakarta cocktail party. The two sides were unanimous on the following:

1. The Jakarta cocktail party should observe the principles underlying the Viet Nam-Indonesia joint communiqué issued in Ho Chi Minh City on 29 July 1987. At phase I of the party, the Kampuchean parties will meet and discuss the internal questions of Kampuchea without foreign interference and imposition. At phase II of the party, the countries concerned, including Viet Nam, Laos and Indonesia, Thailand and other ASEAN countries, will exchange views on the international aspect of the Kampuchean question and on regional peace and stability.
2. The statement issued in Bangkok on 3 July 1988 by the ASEAN Foreign Ministers Conference was evidently aimed at turning the Jakarta informal meeting into a negotiation between Viet Nam and the four Kampuchean parties. This is at complete variance with the principles of the joint communiqué signed in Ho Chi Minh City on 29 July 1987 by Viet Nam and Indonesia representing the two groups of countries - Indochina and ASEAN respectively.
3. While public opinion welcomes and looks forward to the Jakarta meeting, the ASEAN countries are attempting to return to the statement of their Foreign Ministers Conference held last August in Bangkok. That Conference distorted the Ho Chi Minh City Viet Nam-Indonesian joint communiqué and as a consequence brought to a deadlock the holding of the cocktail party in Jakarta for nearly a year now. The 3 July 1988 Bangkok statement once again runs counter to the developments of the situation and the prevailing trend in South-East Asia and the world. This position has been proved unrealistic and therefore rejected by Laos, Kampuchea and Viet Nam. The continued adoption by ASEAN countries of such position will only render it impossible for the informal meeting in Jakarta to be convened.
4. The Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam will confer with the People's Republic of Kampuchea on the ASEAN statement and determine their subsequent attitude.
5. Indonesia and the other ASEAN countries are urged to respect the understanding as set out in the Viet Nam-Indonesia joint communiqué of 29 July 1987, thus facilitating the convening of the informal meeting in Jakarta, responding to the wishes of the peoples in South-East Asia and the world over.