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TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to forward herewith the 24 March 1983 statement made by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, condemning the armed aggression against Nicaragua.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency could have this note and its enclosure circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) HOANG BICH SON
Permanent Representative of the
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
to the United Nations

Annex

Statement made by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on 24 March 1983

According to reports by the Nicaraguan Government, Nicaraguan counter-revolutionary forces organized, equipped and trained by the United States and directly supported by the reactionary administration in Honduras have launched from this country armed aggressions against a number of northern and central Nicaraguan provinces. At the same time, they have set up the so-called exile government composed of some of the notorious criminals in the former Somoza dictatorial administration and a number of Nicaraguan traitors.

These are very brazen acts against the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Nicaragua, a member of the United Nations Security Council and of the non-aligned movement. They have violated the most elementary principles of international laws, aggravated the situation in Central America and the Caribbean, which has already been strained by the United States policy of intervention and aggression, and are seriously threatening peace and security in this region and around the world and, at the same time, creating a very dangerous precedent for all independent and sovereign States.

By committing such crimes, the Washington Administration has revealed more clearly its bellicose and aggressive nature and its hostile policy towards the Republic of Nicaragua.

The Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam vehemently condemns the United States - the author of these criminal acts of aggression - and the reactionary Honduran Administration, and demands that they put an immediate end to them.

The Government and people of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam reiterate their militant solidarity with and full support for the heroic Nicaraguan people in their just cause of national construction and defence. We are deeply convinced that with the sympathy and support of the Socialist countries, the countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, and the whole of progressive mankind, the Nicaraguan people will surely succeed in smashing the invasion of the enemies and firmly defending their independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity.
