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Letter dated 20 January 1983 from the Permanent Representative  
of Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea, dated 10 January 1983, condemning and rejecting the Hanoi authorities' act of violation aimed at annexing the Kampuchean sea waters.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the above-mentioned statement to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "The situation in Kampuchea", and of the Security Council.

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STATEMENT BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA  
CONDEMNING AND REJECTING THE HANOI AUTHORITIES' ACT  
OF VIOLATION AIMED AT ANNEXING THE KAMPUCHEAN SEA WATERS

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In the framework of its expansionist and annexationist policy conducted through the barbaric aggression against Democratic Kampuchea, the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam signed on 7 July 1982 a so-called "agreement" with its puppet regime installed in Phnom Penh on what they termed as "historical waters of the two countries".

In the meantime, 4 weeks before it signed the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, on 12 November 1982, the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, referring to the so-called "agreement" with its puppet Phnom Penh regime, issued a statement on the territorial sea baseline of Vietnam by absorbing large tracts of the sea waters of Kampuchea.

This does constitute another act of aggression and annexation blatantly committed by the Socialist Republic of Vietnam against Democratic Kampuchea, a sovereign member State of the United Nations.

Since the brutal invasion of Kampuchea by the armed forces of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on 25 December 1978, Democratic Kampuchea has on several times declared null and void all treaties, conventions and agreements signed by the Vietnamese-installed puppet regime in Phnom Penh so as to cover up the flagrant violation of the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Democratic Kampuchea by the Vietnamese aggressors.

The Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea always abides by this position. Consequently, the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea totally rejects and considers null and void the afore-mentioned so-called "7 July 1982 agreement" and "12 November 1982 statement".

Democratic Kampuchea, 10 January 1983  
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENT OF  
DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA

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