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Letter dated 5 April 1983 from the Permanent Representative of
China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a statement by the Spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, dated 5 April 1983, on the attack by Vietnamese aggressor troops on Kampuchean refugee camps and the intrusion into the territory of Thailand.

I should be grateful if you would be kind enough to arrange for the circulation of this text as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 23 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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to the United Nations

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ANNEX

Statement by Spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign
Affairs of the People's Republic of China on
Vietnamese aggressor troops' attack on
Kampuchean refugee camps and intrusion
into territory of Thailand

5 April 1983

For the last few days, Vietnamese aggressor troops attacked the border areas between Kampuchea and Thailand, savagely raiding Kampuchean refugee camps and peaceful villages and frantically killing innocent inhabitants and refugees. They brazenly intruded into the territory of Thailand, posing a serious threat to Thailand's security. The Chinese Government and people express their great indignation at the Vietnamese authorities' criminal acts and sternly condemn them.

Democratic Kampuchea and Thailand and the other ASEAN countries have all made written or oral statements strongly denouncing the Vietnamese authorities' atrocities. The Chinese Government and People firmly support their solemn and just stand. We have learnt with pleasure that Thailand's troops have already driven the Vietnamese invaders out of Thailand.

The Vietnamese authorities have always used the dual tactics of military offensive and political deception in their war of aggression against Kampuchea. In the recent period, their tricks of "annual partial withdrawal" and "dialogue between groups" have suffered one setback after another. The current attack represents a desperate military effort of theirs after the failure of their political tricks. It once again belies their talk about "turning Southeast Asia into a region of peace, stability and cooperation", and shows up their refusal to change their policy of aggression and expansion and their complete lack of good faith in resolving the Kampuchean question.

In the face of this grave provocation on the part of the Vietnamese authorities, the international community should give it serious attention and take further action to condemn the crimes of aggression of the Vietnamese authorities, compel Viet Nam to observe the relevant resolutions of the U.N. General Assembly and the Declaration of the International Conference on Kampuchea by withdrawing all its troops from Kampuchea, so that the Kampuchean question may be settled in a just and reasonable way and genuine peace and stability may be achieved in the Asian-Pacific region.
