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Letter dated 7 April 1983 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to my letter of 5 April 1983 (A/38/136-S/15685), I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, for your information, a statement dated 4 April 1983 by His Royal Highness Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, President of Democratic Kampuchea, and request you to have this text circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 23 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) KOR Bun Heng
Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent
Mission of Democratic Kampuchea

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ANNEX

STATEMENT BY SAMDECH NORODOM SIHANOUK, PRESIDENT OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA

On 3 April 1983, the Vietnamese army of aggression and colonization in Kampuchea decided to launch an attack on the liberated area and civilian population of O Smach-Sihanouk Borei, after having committed abominable crimes against the civilian population of Nong Chan and of the liberated area of Phnom Chhat during the past week.

There were more than 30,000 civilians, including old people, women and children, living in the liberated region of O Smach-Sihanouk Borei. On 3 April 1983, the Viet colonialist army decided to subject this large, innocent population to intensive bombardment and then to launch its tanks and soldiers against them, destroying in passing our fields, schools and infirmaries and the homes of villagers whose only "crime" is their stubborn refusal to submit to the colonialists from Hanoi. Today, my 30,000 compatriots of the O Smach-Sihanoukville region are completely ruined and have no more fields, no more homes, no more anything.

We must also grieve for a number of dead and wounded among those compatriots, whom the Viet savages wanted to murder to the last man, woman and child.

I wholeheartedly thank the Kingdom of Thailand, the other countries friendly to the people of Kampuchea and the (international) humanitarian organizations for whatever they can and will do to come to the aid of my unfortunate compatriots, and I call on them, and on the United Nations and the Non-Aligned Movement, to condemn the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam as harshly as possible for its abominable crimes committed day after day on the persons of the innocent and peaceful people of Democratic Kampuchea and to take, as a matter of urgency, all such measures as may induce the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to call a halt to this series of killings, to this genocide, and completely and unconditionally remove all its troops from Kampuchea.

(Signed) NORODOM SIHANOUK
4 April 1983
