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Letter dated 11 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 note dated 10 April 1983 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China to the Embassy of Viet Nam in China protesting Viet Nam's armed provocations against China's border areas.

I would appreciate it if this letter and its enclosure could be distributed as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 11 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) LING Qing
Permanent Representative of the
People's Republic of China to the
United Nations

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ANNEX

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Recently, there has been a growing trend of Vietnamese authorities' armed provocations against and incursions into China's border areas. In March, for example, there were more than 70 cases of armed provocations by Vietnamese troops, who fired over 4,000 rounds of shells and bullets and killed or wounded 14 Chinese border inhabitants in attacking the Dongzhong and Tansan Communes of Fangcheng County and the Longbang Commune of Jingxi County in the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region; and the Hekou Farm in Hekou City, the Dongyu Commune and Tianpeng Commune of Funing County and Koulinshan in Yunnan Province along the Sino-Vietnamese border. In the same period, Vietnamese armed personnel intruded into Chinese territory three times for harassment. The above-mentioned acts committed by Vietnamese troops have seriously disrupted Chinese border inhabitants' normal life and production activities and caused heavy losses of their lives and property.

The Vietnamese authorities have given much publicity to their intention to normalize Sino-Vietnamese relations, but actually they have intensified armed provocations against Chinese areas along the border. Such acts of duplicity only serve to show that the Vietnamese authorities have no sincere desire at all to improve Sino-Vietnamese relations.

The Chinese Government addresses a strong protest to the Vietnamese authorities against their series of armed provocations and incursions in areas along the Sino-Vietnamese border and demands that they immediately stop such provocations and other anti-China activities in those areas. If the Vietnamese authorities act wilfully and let the trend develop further, they must be held responsible for the grave consequences arising therefrom.
