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Letter dated 30 August 1988 from the Permanent Representative of
Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for your information, the text of a statement made on 28 August 1988 by Mr. Khieu Samphan, Vice-President of Democratic Kampuchea in charge of Foreign Affairs, denouncing the manoeuvres of Viet Nam and its allies to make the Meeting of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, at Nicosia, once again legalize its aggression and occupation of Kampuchea (see annex).

I should be very grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 23 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

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The Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea has put forward proposals, one after another, for a comprehensive political settlement of the Kampuchean problem. However, they have been rejected successively by Viet Nam. Lately, the Democratic Kampuchea party, on 15 August 1988, advanced another new proposal that contains numerous new and important concessions. The world community, as a whole, has considered it as reasonable and comprehensive; yet, it has been rejected by the Hanoi authorities.

On the contrary, the Hanoi authorities have mobilized their allies to carry out more and more despicable and deceitful manoeuvres, including an attempt to make the Non-Aligned Movement legalize their aggression and occupation of Kampuchea.

After having concocted the meeting of the so-called "Senior Officials of the Committee on Kampuchea" at New Delhi and Harare, the Hanoi authorities and their allies have ignobly instigated the forthcoming Ministerial Meeting of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, at Nicosia (Cyprus), to form a so-called "Committee on Kampuchea", which will include the "group of five countries" deceitfully set up by them.

As victims of the war of aggression by the Hanoi authorities, we strongly and categorically condemn and denounce these perfidious and contemptible manoeuvres.

Democratic Kampuchea strongly believes that the great majority of the members of the Non-Aligned Movement, who have been all along opposing the Vietnamese aggression and occupation of Kampuchea, would also oppose these ignoble manoeuvres, for they have been well aware that the so-called "Committee of five countries" is overwhelmingly composed of the Hanoi authorities and their allies:

- (1) The Hanoi authorities, which have invaded and occupied Kampuchea for the last 10 years, sowing immeasurable ruin and causing suffering to the people and nation of Kampuchea by flagrantly violating the sacred principles of the Non-Aligned Movement, the Charter of the United Nations and international law.
- (2) Cuba, which has supported the Hanoi authorities and participated in the invasion of Kampuchea. Furthermore, in 1979 it abused its prerogative as Chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement to decide unilaterally to prevent Democratic Kampuchea from occupying its seat within the Movement in spite of the strong protest expressed by the majority of the members of the Non-Aligned Movement.

- (3) India, which has been continuously in connivance with the Hanoi authorities in an attempt to legalize the Vietnamese occupation of Kampuchea and their puppet régime in Phnom Penh.

The fact that Viet Nam and its allies have tried to make the Non-Aligned Movement endorse the so-called "group of five countries" by inserting this group into the "Committee on Kampuchea" is a measure that has no difference from what was used by Viet Nam, Cuba and their allies at Havana in 1979. It is a measure aimed at forcing the Non-Aligned Movement to serve the Vietnamese expansionist strategy and to perpetuate the Vietnamese occupation of Kampuchea.

This constitutes yet another demonstration of contempt towards the Non-Aligned Movement by using the Movement as an instrument to serve the aggression and expansionist strategy of Viet Nam and its allies, and the global strategy of a super-Power.

We are firmly convinced that the overwhelming majority of the members of the Non-Aligned Movement will continue to demand the restoration of justice by inviting Democratic Kampuchea to retake her seat, in conformity with the legitimate rights of Democratic Kampuchea and the sacred duty of the Movement in opposing foreign aggression, and in solidarity with the country and people who are victims of the aggression. The Non-Aligned Movement would then possess sufficient sovereignty and freedom to prevent Viet Nam, Cuba and their allies from abusing at will the Movement. The Movement would certainly regain its credibility among the countries and peoples of all the developing world and would succeed in defending its sacred principles against acts of aggression and expansion and in defending the rights of all peoples and countries to live in peace within their territorial integrity, thereby asserting its role in the safeguarding of peace in different regions and in the world.

On this occasion, Democratic Kampuchea would like to renew its deepest gratitude to the overwhelming majority of the members of the Non-Aligned Movement who have supported for the last nine years the call for the complete withdrawal of foreign forces, that is, the Vietnamese occupying forces, from Kampuchea. This is a clear testimony of their firm position to defend the sacred principles of the Non-Aligned Movement against acts of aggression and expansion.
