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Letter dated 8 October 1979 from the Permanent Representative
of Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, for your information, a statement dated 8 October 1979 made by the delegation of Democratic Kampuchea to the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

I should be grateful if you would have this text circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 123, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) THIOUNN Prasith
Permanent Representative of
Democratic Kampuchea

ANNEX

Statement dated 8 October 1979 made by the delegation of Democratic Kampuchea to the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly

During the 10 months of the Vietnamese invasion of Kampuchea more than 5,000 Kampucheans have been massacred and more than 500,000 others have died of hunger. It is obvious that the occupying forces have brought about the famine within the framework of the genocidal war and are using it as a weapon in their conquest of Kampuchea. Threatened with extermination by the Hanoi authorities, the Kampuchean people are experiencing misfortune and suffering to a degree beyond measure.

The situation calls for not only the immediate and complete withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Kampuchea but, at the same time, emergency aid.

The delegation of Democratic Kampuchea to the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly reiterates the appeal made by the Government of Democratic Kampuchea to all international organizations and all countries committed to peace, justice and independence, calling upon them to provide humanitarian assistance to the Kampuchean people within their different spheres of competence.

The Government and the Red Cross of Democratic Kampuchea are grateful for any humanitarian aid and will do their utmost to co-operate with those providing it and to ensure that it directly benefits the Kampuchean people.