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Letter dated 1 April 1984 from the Permanent Representative
of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

Upon the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam concerning the recent acts of war by the Thai authorities against the People's Republic of Kampuchea.

In this connection, I wish to inform you that we completely reject the slanderous allegations made in the letter dated 29 March 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations (A/39/160-S/16453).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and the enclosed statement circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 37 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) HOANG BICH SON
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

S T A T E M E N T
by the Spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Over the past few days, the Thai authorities have repeatedly spread the slander that Vietnamese army volunteers in Kampuchea had intruded into Thai territory and attacked civilians.

This is a trick of thief shouting thief. As is known to all, over the past five years, the Thai authorities have let the Pol Pot remnants, China's instrument, use Thai territory as their sanctuary to oppose the Kampuchean people's revival.

According to the Kampuchean News Agency S.P.K., since March 1984, Thailand has helped the Pol Pot remnants from their sanctuaries labelled "refugee camps" in Thai territory to conduct sabotage activities against Kampuchea's populated border areas, committing many crimes including destruction of houses and market-places and killing a number of civilians.

What is particularly serious is that in the later half of March 1984 many units of Thai armed forces directly supported the above-mentioned sabotage activities. In the week ending March 15 alone, Thai aircraft four times violated Kampuchean airspace, Thai vessels intruded into Kampuchean waters for 48 times (in Koh Kong, Koh Tang and Poulo Vay areas), and Thai ground forces 75 times fired big gun shells on Kampuchean territory (in Choeung Khsan, Anlong Venh, Romiet, Phma Puoch, Tasaing and Smatden areas). In the week ending March 22, the Thai air Force conducted 32 sorties into Kampuchean airspace (over Preah Vihear, Anech, Poipet, Maokhuang, Kaomelai, Kong Rieng areas), Thai warships intruded into Kampuchean waters on 80 occasions (in Koh Tang, Koh Kong and Poulo Vay areas), and Thai ground troops 52 times fired big guns on Kampuchean territory.

These are premeditated war acts which crudely violate the sovereignty of the People's Republic of Kampuchea and encroach upon international law.

The Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam flatly rejects the Thai authorities's slander. While firmly supporting the legitimate right of the Kampuchean people and their armed forces to punish the genocidal Pol Pot gang and their accomplices the Socialist Republic of Vietnam reiterates once again its consistent policy of respecting the independence and sovereignty of Thailand. The Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam demands that the Thai authorities immediately stop lending a hand to Beijing and the Pol Pot gang in opposing the Kampuchean people's revival, at variance with the Thai people's interests and of peace and stability in South-east Asia.

Hanoi, March 31, 1984
