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Letter dated 27 July 1989 from the Permanent Representative  
of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

On behalf of the Permanent Missions to the United Nations of the States members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the joint statement by the Permanent Representatives of those Member States to the United Nations which are members of ASEAN, issued on 27 July 1989 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 31 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Joint statement issued on 27 July 1989 by the Permanent  
Representatives of those Member States to the United  
Nations which are members of ASEAN

The statement issued on 5 July 1989 by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam, which was circulated as a United Nations document (A/44/382-S/20722) dated 10 July 1989, referred to the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' call for a comprehensive political settlement of the Kampuchean problem, issued at Bandar Seri Begawan on 3 July 1989 (A/44/372-S/20721, annex).

The Vietnamese Ministry of Foreign Affairs states that the ASEAN joint statement "grossly interferes in Cambodia's internal affairs" and "totally overlooks the cessation of all foreign military aid to the Khmer factions and the prevention of the return of the genocidal régime in Cambodia". In fact the ASEAN statement expressly refers to the need for the comprehensive political settlement to be "consistent with the results of the Second Jakarta Informal Meeting and the relevant United Nations resolutions ..."

The Vietnamese statement also asserts that ASEAN, "far from promoting the agreements already reached on the international aspect, ... have negated them and demanded that the international conference settle Cambodia's internal affairs". Quite the contrary, the ASEAN statement expressly stressed that "an international conference should be complementary to efforts taken by ASEAN over the last 10 years to find a comprehensive settlement to the Kampuchean problem through the United Nations, the Jakarta Informal Meeting process and other modalities". It is ASEAN's position that all aspects of the Kampuchean problem should be resolved in an integral manner at the International Conference on Cambodia.

Finally, on the question of the United Nations involvement in the Kampuchean peace process, ASEAN's views are shared by a large majority of the United Nations Member States.

The ASEAN Permanent Missions to the United Nations are issuing this joint statement in order to correct the above-mentioned inaccuracies in the Vietnamese statement and to bring the matter to the attention of the other Permanent Missions accredited to the United Nations.

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