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

I have the honour to transmit herewith, as an annex, the text of the statement issued on 25 July 1989 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam concerning the proclamation of permanent neutrality of Cambodia and the proposal for a zone of peace, freedom, neutrality, friendship and co-operation in South-East Asia.

It would be appreciated if you could arrange to have the present letter and the annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 31, 41, 72 and 143 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) TRINH XUAN LANG
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Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 25 July 1989 by the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam

The proclamation of permanent neutrality of Cambodia by the National Assembly of the State of Cambodia on 20 July 1989 is an important event in the political life of the Cambodian people as well as in the international relations in South-East Asia.

The proclamation fully conforms to the aspiration and legitimate interests of the Cambodian people who desire to live in lasting peace and national concord and free from the threat of the genocidal régime and to build a happy and prosperous life. Under the status of permanent neutrality, Cambodia puts into effect the principles of peaceful coexistence, develops friendly relations with all countries regardless of their politico-social system, first and foremost with its neighbouring countries, and declines to participate in any alliances or treaties whatsoever that are incompatible with its neutrality, to allow any foreign political organizations and military bases whatsoever to be installed on the Cambodian territory, and to allow its territory to be used for the interference in the internal affairs of other countries.

The proclamation emphasizes Cambodia's claim to the right of defending its permanent neutrality in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries. The permanent neutrality of Cambodia will create conditions for Cambodia to exercise fully its right to self-determination. Any régime of whatever political colours and any government of whatever tendency to be chosen by the Cambodian people through free general elections are duty-bound to adhere to the status of permanent neutrality of Cambodia. Any change in the political régime or government will not constitute a source of concern for the neighbouring countries and other countries concerned. Foreign countries must strictly respect the permanent neutrality of Cambodia and must refrain from interfering in its internal affairs and must not use Cambodia as a means against each other.

A neutral Cambodia maintaining relations of friendship and co-operation with all countries conforms to the interests of a lasting peace in South-East Asia and the world over. The independence and permanent neutrality of Cambodia constitute a very important factor for peace, co-operation and development in South-East Asia. At the same time, the setting-up of a South-East Asian zone of peace, freedom, neutrality, friendship and co-operation, as proposed in the statement of 24 July 1989 by the Lao People's Democratic Republic, will create conditions for the achievement of Cambodia's permanent neutrality.

The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam fully supports the proclamation of permanent neutrality of Cambodia by the National Assembly of the State of Cambodia and the statement made by the Lao People's Democratic Republic on the setting-up of a South-East Asian zone of peace, freedom, and neutrality, and holds that the respect for Cambodia's permanent neutrality and the setting-up of a South-East

Asian zone of peace, freedom and neutrality will make important contributions to the consolidation of peace and to the development in South-East Asia and the rest of the world. The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam undertakes to respect the permanent neutrality of the State of Cambodia and the South-East Asian zone of peace, freedom and neutrality.

The Vietnamese people are firmly confident that prompted by a desire for a lasting peace and stability in South-East Asia, the peoples and States both inside and outside the region will extend their sympathy and support to the proclamation of permanent neutrality of the State of Cambodia and the proposal of the Lao People's Democratic Republic for a South-East Asian zone of peace, freedom and neutrality.
