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Letter dated 21 November 1989 from the Permanent Representative of
Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a statement issued on 19 November 1989 by the spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (see annex).

I would be grateful if you could have the present letter and its enclosure circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 31, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 19 November 1989 by the spokesman for the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam on the United Nations
resolution on Cambodia

1. The United Nations General Assembly has again adopted a resolution on "The situation in Kampuchea", continuing its support for the genocidal Pol Pot clique against the Cambodian people. Over the past 10 years, the United Nations erroneous resolutions have driven the Cambodia issue to an impasse and obstructed an equitable settlement of this issue. That is why the Cambodia issue is being settled outside the United Nations framework. The nations of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), initiating the United Nations resolutions on Cambodia over the past 10 years, have accepted to take part in the First and Second Jakarta Informal Meetings and the Paris International Conference in order to settle the Cambodia issue outside the United Nations framework. The five permanent members of the Security Council have also accepted to participate in the Paris International Conference on Cambodia. This proves that even those countries most interested in solving the Cambodia issue within the United Nations framework have found it necessary to seek a better way to solve this issue than through this organization.

2. The biggest contradiction in the resolution drafted by the ASEAN countries is that while it has to admit the new course opened up by the Jakarta Informal Meetings and the Paris International Conference and call on the two Co-chairmen of the Paris International Conference to resume the Conference on schedule to settle the Cambodia issue, the rest of its contents continue to follow a fruitless path taken for the past 10 years by the United Nations and run counter to the course of the Paris International Conference on Cambodia. The resolution repeated the old position, ignoring the major developments in Cambodia over the past 10 years. It deliberately fails to admit Viet Nam's total troop withdrawal from Cambodia in spite of the recognition by the world public of this event as greatly significant for the settlement of the Cambodia problem. The United Nations continues to recognize the genocidal Pol Pot clique against the interests of the Cambodian people, while the whole world condemns it and calls for preventing it from taking advantage of Viet Nam's troop withdrawal to wage a civil war and reinstate its genocidal régime in Cambodia. Although Viet Nam has completely pulled its troops out of Cambodia, the United Nations resolution has not mentioned the cessation of military aid to the genocidal Pol Pot clique or any measures to eliminate the Pol Pot genocidal régime at all. Instead, it demands that the Cambodian people recognize its position as legitimate and create conditions for it to reimpose its genocidal régime in Cambodia. That China, Singapore and some other ASEAN countries have been using all ways and means to maintain the United Nations resolution, which stands on one side against the other, is only aimed at serving their intent to use the United Nations to justify their continued supply of military aid for the Pol Pot clique to wage a civil war against the Cambodian people's right to self-determination and obstruct the early achievement of a comprehensive political solution to the Cambodia problem.

3. More and more countries in the world have come out in support of the path of the Paris International Conference on Cambodia, recognizing the complete withdrawal of the Vietnamese troops from Cambodia as an event of great significance and clearly seeing the danger of the genocidal clique waging a civil war and returning to power in Cambodia as the biggest remaining obstacle on the road to an overall political solution to the Cambodia question. The statements of representatives of the Governments of Sweden, Australia, and France on behalf of the member countries of the European Community give expression to the urgent demand of public opinion and will surely contribute to the search for an early political solution to the Cambodia issue.

4. The United Nations should be an international forum for solving all conflicts, safeguarding peace and promoting co-operation among nations. Regrettably, the United Nations has continued to proceed along the wrong course of the past 10 years by adopting a resolution in favour of the genocidal Pol Pot clique and against the Cambodian people. This only tarnishes its prestige and hinders its role in solving the Cambodia issue by peaceful means.

5. The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam fully supports the just stance of the State of Cambodia. The Vietnamese Government holds that the sole correct way at present is that, after the complete Vietnamese troop withdrawal, all concerned countries have to fulfil their commitment to stop their military supplies to all the Khmer parties, expedite a cease-fire, prevent civil war, encourage the Cambodian parties to continue their negotiations and all efforts for keeping up the process of the Paris International Conference on Cambodia, with a view to the early achievement of an overall political solution to the Cambodia question, thus contributing to making South-East Asia a zone of peace, stability, friendship and co-operation.
