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PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES BETWEEN STATES

Letter dated 22 February 1985 from the Permanent Representative
of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

At the request of the Government of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea issued at Pnom Penh on 20 February 1985.

I should be very grateful if Your Excellency could have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under items 40, 131 and 132 of the preliminary list.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic
of Kampuchea, issued at Pnom Penh on 20 February 1985

Thai Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila, at a press conference in Bangkok on February 11 following the special meeting of the ASEAN Foreign Ministers, fanatically called on the United States, China and Western countries to increase military aid to Pol Pot and his clique. More serious still, the Thai Foreign Minister strongly and overtly declared that his country firmly promised to respond to the A.S.E.A.N.'s call.

It is a known fact that the Thai authorities, in collusion with the Chinese authorities, have allowed the use of Thai territory as a sanctuary for polpotist remnants and other Khmer reactionaries and have given them support and assistance to undermine Kampuchea's rebirth. But that was the first time that Thailand publicly admitted its deep, direct military involvement in criminal acts of Pol Pot and his clique against the Kampuchean people.

This is a new, dangerous step taken by the reactionaries in the Thai leadership to advance Beijing's policy of saving and beefing up the criminal Pol Pot clique against the Kampuchean people, maintaining and aggravating tension, hindering dialogue and preventing the implementation of the P.R.K's policy of great National union, in service of China's expansionistic and hegemonistic designs on this region.

Aware of the seriousness of the appeal, Thai public opinions have become so alarmed that they want to know if the Thai authorities are going to bring the war to Thailand and if the ASEAN is abandoning its statute as an organization of economic cooperation.

The PRK strongly denounces this dangerous position of the Thai authorities and appeals to the world public to stop in time this new Thai adventure before the situation along the Kampuchean-Thai border, already tense now, becomes more explosive.

The P.R.K. also vehemently rejects the Thai authorities oft-repeated charges about violation of Thai territory and the use of chemical weapons by the Kampuchean Revolutionary Armed Forces and the Vietnamese Volunteer Army in their attacks on polpotist hideout along Kampuchea's western border. It is appropriate to recall a reality many times confirmed by western observers, that the so-called 'Refugee Camps' purposefully installed by the Thai authorities along the Kampuchean-Thai border are but hideouts provided by Thailand for Pol Pot remnants. It was from these positions that the polpotists armed by China and supplied by Thailand through diversion of humanitarian aid from international

organizations, would infiltrate into Kampuchean territory for acts of sabotage and crimes against the Kampuchean people. So, by wiping out these mortal enemies, the Kampuchean people are exercising their legitimate right of defending their National sovereignty and security.

However, each time the polpotists were punished, Thai armed forces would come to their aid by violating Kampuchea's sovereignty and territorial integrity, to cite just one example: In the first week of February Thai armed forces fired more than 1,000 (One thousand) artillery and mortar shells on the provinces of Koh Kong, Pursat and Preah Vihear - Thai L-19 and T-34 aircraft many times overflew areas from three to five kilometers inside Kampuchean territory from lake Ampil (Battambang) to Koh Kong province - and 175 (One Seven Five) Thai vessels intruded into areas from Seven to 15 (One Five) nautical miles off Koh Tang, Koh Wai and Koh Kong islands.

Moreover, when the criminal PolPotists were beaten and fled to Thailand, the Thai authorities not only did not disarm them, but also welcomed them on Thai soil and gave them aid and comfort before sending them back to Kampuchea again.

The P.R.K. deems it necessary to reaffirm that in punishing Pol Pot and his clique for their intrusions into kampuchean territory, the kampuchean armed forces always act with restraint and scrupulously respect Thailand's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The P.R.K. demands that Thailand also respect Kampuchea's sovereignty and territorial integrity. The Thai authorities must bear full responsibility for all the consequences of their hostile and criminal acts against the Kampuchean people.

For six years now, the Thai authorities have shown to be the most enthusiastic supporters of China's policy against the Kampuchean people and the other peoples of Indochina. Following Beijing's lead, the Thai authorities, together with their criminal military acts, have made all sorts of lies to try to break the solidarity of the peoples of Kampuchea, VietNam and Laos .

But all their slander campaigns have gone bankrupt. And the only thing they achieve is to further increase the militant Solidarity and special friendship of the three Indochinese Peoples who, side by side , have defeated and will defeat all enemies together with all their machiavelian schemes.
