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Letter dated 15 January 1990 from the Permanent Representative
of Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith for your information a declaration by H.R.H. Samdech Norodom Sihanouk dated 3 January 1990.

I should be very grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "The situation in Kampuchea", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) THIOUNN Prasith
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

DECLARATION BY
H.R.H. SAMDECH NORODOM SIHANOUK

- Beijing, 3 January 1990 -

Since the failure of the PICC (Paris International Conference on Cambodia), an increasing number of French, American and Australian, etc. newspapers and journalists have chosen to systematically attack Norodom Sihanouk by slandering him, discrediting him, dragging him through the mud and holding him responsible for Cambodia and Cambodian people's all wrongdoings.

Among the numerous accusations those newspapers and journalists have made against me, it is fitting to mention once again this one: "Sihanouk, by personal ambition, makes it impossible for Cambodia and the Cambodian people to recover peace. Sihanouk becomes the accomplice of the Khmer Rouge Polpotists by choosing the continuation of the destruction war against Cambodia and the genocidal (or extermination) war against the Cambodian people."

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I must, once again, reply to this extremely unjust accusation of my scorners:

- a) If I thought only about my personal interests, I would have accepted an offer of Mr. Hun Sen, Phnom Penh Prime Minister, who was ready to give me the post of "Head of State of Cambodia" with the Royal Palace as my Residence.

Furthermore, let's suppose I have personal ambition (--and I don't have any--), how could I be so foolish and stupid to associate myself with the Khmer Rouge Polpotists in "the struggle for Power"?

I am not more ignorant than my scorners. I know the Khmer Rouge Polpotists at least as "well" as they do. And I am fully aware that if the Khmer Rouge Polpotists won the final victory in their war against the Vietnamese and the Hun Sen group, these victorious Khmer Rouge would not

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fail to consider me as their most dangerous Enemy and, consequently, to "neutralize" me and, afterwards, to get rid of me.

The western journalists have the right to hate me, however they have no right to consider me as a person devoid of any sense of patriotism and intelligence. The struggle that I have been carrying out is a national liberation struggle. In this mandatory struggle I have nothing to gain, -- quite on the contrary.

- b) The whole world has witnessed the constructive and very workable proposals that I have put forward for a political and peaceful settlement of the so-called "problem of Kampuchea".

Those proposals are known to all. I do not need to hark back to them.

Allow me to speak here only about the measures proposed by Sihanouk and approved by the Khmer Rouge themselves and by their great "sponsor", the P.R. of China, measures conceived with a view to preventing effectively the Khmer Rouge from retaking power by force: dispatch to Cambodia of a large and powerful United Nations Peace Keeping Force and a UN-ICM, enough equipped, to "act as policemen" in Cambodia for five or even ten years; general disarmament of all Cambodian factions and total destruction of their arms and ammunitions by the UN-IPKF and UN-ICM.

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- c) With regard to the vacancy of the seat of Cambodia at the United Nations, I must stress the fact that my scorers have distorted and continue to distort outrageously my position.

I specify that I am "for" and not "against" the vacancy of the seat of Cambodia at the United Nations, on the condition that every body agrees with the simultaneous dismantling of the UN-CGDK (DK) and the illegal "State of Cambodia" of Hun Sen and with their replacement by the UN trusteeship.

But, this idea of placing Cambodia under the UN trusteeship is accepted neither by the Khmer Rouge nor by the P.R. of China, whereas the Hun Sen regime is content with deceiving the world public opinion by, on the one hand, pretending to be favourable with that idea, and on the other hand, maintaining the Hun Sen administration during the UN trusteeship in Cambodia!

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With regard to a possible UN trusteeship in Cambodia, my position is without any ambiguity; it is simple and logical: For me, to place Cambodia under the UN Trusteeship means that the two Cambodian regimes and administrations existing currently in Cambodia must be disappeared from the Cambodian territory and that until the results of general elections (organized and supervised by the UN) are known and confirmed; that is to dismantle

both and at the same time the DK-CGDK and "the State of Cambodia" and to replace their administrations and armies by the UN administration and army.

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Of course, if the Cambodian people, in their majority, give, through general elections organized by the UN, victory to the Party of Heng Samrin-Hun Sen, that Party would be in a position, in full legality (this time), to establish a marxist-leninist-hochiminhien, communist pro-SRV and pro-USSR regime in Cambodia, and a red army, since the Cambodian people, through their votes, would so decide.

It is not Sihanouk who will contest the results of those elections (that is elections organized by the UN and outside the framework of the "State" or "administration" of Heng Samrin-Hun Sen.)

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In conclusion, it is essential to ask the following 2 questions and to answer them with all intellectual honesty:

Question 1: Who is responsible for the continuation of the war in Cambodia?

To this question, my scorers have already answered: "It is Sihanouk!"

What these westerners want is very simple: Cambodia must be a satellite and colony of Vietnam. The Cambodian patriots who dare to struggle against the Vietnamese colonialism in Cambodia are war criminals and traitors of the Cambodian people.

But the answer of the Cambodian patriots to this Question 1 is more correct. It is the Hun Sen regime which has rejected and rejects all political, peaceful, reasonable and democratic solutions to "the problem." The Hun Sen regime leaves only one choice: the continuation of the war.

Question 2: "Who prevents the Khmer Rouge from accepting the peace in Cambodia?"

Answer: By rejecting all ideas of participation, on an equal footing with the other Cambodian movements, of the Khmer Rouges in the peace process, and by refusing to let the UN disarm all the Cambodian factions, the SRV, the Hun Sen regime and all their western supporters and others have placed the Khmer Rouge in an obligation to continue indefinitely the war.

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And if, one day, the Khmer Rouge win this war and retake power in Cambodia, the responsibility will then rest with the SRV, the Hun Sen regime and with their western supporters(*) and others.

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(*) It must be noted that these westerners refuse absolutely to be interested in the idea of general disarmament of Cambodian factions. What they want is to maintain and strengthen the Hun Sen army and administration and to force the ANS (Sihanoukists) to commit "suicide." Can such a policy contribute to bringing us to a settlement of "the problem"??
