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Letter dated 18 April 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Cambodia  
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for your information, a declaration dated 14 April 1990 by Mr. Khieu Samphan, President of the Democratic Kampuchea Party and Vice-President of Cambodia in charge of Foreign Affairs, condemning the Vietnamese aggressors and their lackeys for making an attempt on the life of His Royal Highness Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, President of Cambodia.

I would be very grateful if the declaration could be distributed as an official document of the General Assembly, under the item 32 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) THOUNN Prasith  
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

DECLARATION BY MR. KHIEU SAMPHAN  
PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA PARTY  
AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF CAMBODIA  
IN CHARGE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
CONDEMNING THE VIETNAMESE AGGRESSORS AND  
THEIR LACKEYS FOR MAKING AN ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE  
OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS SAMDECH NORODOM SIHANOUK,  
PRESIDENT OF CAMBODIA

- 14 April 1990 -

On 11 April 1990, the Vietnamese aggressors and their lackeys fired heavy artillery shells at the Residence of His Royal Highness Samdech NORODOM SIHANOUK, President of Cambodia and Leader of the Cambodian National Resistance, located at Sereipheap village, in the liberated zone of Cambodia.

This criminal attempt of the Vietnamese aggressors and their lackeys was perpetrated at a time when His Royal Highness Samdech NORODOM SIHANOUK, President of Cambodia and Leader of the Cambodian National Resistance has just proposed a meeting of the four Cambodian factions, and taken new initiatives with a view to bringing about, as soon as possible, a political settlement of the so-called Cambodian problem to put an end to the Vietnamese aggression war. This criminal act was committed at a time when the Democratic Kampuchea Party, on its part, has just made a declaration fully endorsing the 16-point principles set forth in the summary of conclusions adopted by the five Permanent Members of the United Nations Security Council in Paris on 16 January 1990.

By way of reacting to these peaceful initiatives, the Vietnamese aggressors and their lackeys have resorted to this odious and criminal act, using their cannon-balls.

This attempt of the Vietnamese authorities and their lackeys aims at covering up their grave defeat in Cambodia in all fields, military, political and structural which are nearing total collapse. Their currency, the riel, has devaluated to the point of becoming a simple piece of paper. At present, the Vietnamese aggressors and their lackeys are driven to an impass. This is the reason why they have made an attempt on the life of His Royal Highness Samdech NORODOM SIHANOUK, President of Cambodia and Leader of the

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Cambodian National Resistance, whose important role in the political settlement of the so-called problem of Cambodia has been accepted by the Cambodian people and the international community as a whole.

On behalf of all combatants and cadres of the Democratic Kampuchea Party, one of the three components of the Cambodian National Resistance, and in my capacity as member of the National Government of Cambodia, I condemn, with an utmost indignation, this criminal act of the Vietnamese aggressors and their lackeys. We declare most solemnly to continue to support the patriotic activities of His Royal Highness Samdech NORODOM SIHANOUK, President of Cambodia and Leader of the Cambodian National Resistance. We also stress our determination to continue our cooperation with the Sihanoukian National Army (ANS) and with all other patriotic forces as well as with all our compatriots living inside Cambodia and abroad with a view to intensifying our activities against the Vietnamese aggressors and their lackeys in all fields, military, political and diplomatic, and that until the Vietnamese aggressors accept to put an end by political means their aggression war by withdrawing all their forces from Cambodia under an effective control and verification of the United Nations and to respect the sacred right of the Cambodian people to determine freely their destiny without any foreign interference.

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