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Letter dated 21 November 1979 from the Permanent Representative of
China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a note sent by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China to the Vietnamese Embassy in China on 20 November 1979, lodging a strong protest with the Vietnamese authorities against their repeated violations of Chinese territory, armed provocations and creation of bloodshed. I request that this note be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 11, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) CHEN Chu
Permanent Representative of the
People's Republic of China
to the United Nations

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Note dated 20 November 1979 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the
People's Republic of China to the Vietnamese Embassy in China

In the early morning of 4 November 1979, Vietnamese troops shelled and machine-gunned the Jinchang People's Commune, of Maguan County in China's Yunnan Province, destroying houses and killing or wounding a number of Chinese inhabitants. Shortly after that, about 100 Vietnamese armed personnel penetrated deep into Chinese territory, attacked Chinese frontier outposts, opened fire wantonly on Chinese inhabitants in the border area, and seized large quantities of their property. The acts of aggression of Vietnamese troops have caused heavy losses in life and property to the local inhabitants.

Vietnamese armed provocations on the border area have never ceased. Of late, the Vietnamese authorities have incessantly sent large reinforcements to the Sino-Vietnamese border, held frequent military manoeuvres and, while stepping up war deployment against China, aggravated the tension there by deliberately creating more and more armed provocations. Preliminary statistics show that, from August to October 1979, Vietnamese military personnel made more than 370 military provocations and incursions into China's Yunnan and Guangxi border areas, killing or wounding more than 30 Chinese.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China lodges a strong protest with the Vietnamese authorities against their repeated incursions into Chinese territory and creation of bloodshed, which resulted in a number of Chinese personnel being killed or wounded, and solemnly demands that the Vietnamese side immediately stop all its violations of and provocations against China's territorial integrity. Otherwise the Vietnamese authorities should be held fully responsible for all the consequences arising therefrom.
