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Letter dated 28 November 1979 from the Permanent Representative
of Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, for your information, the statement of the Government of Democratic Kampuchea dated 24 November 1979.

I should be grateful if you would have this text circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 123, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) THIOUNN Prasith
Permanent Representative
of Democratic Kampuchea

Annex

DECLARATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA

24 November 1979

At the present time the entire world, all mankind, the Governments and the peoples of different countries, the United Nations, the International Red Cross and various international relief organizations are making every effort to bring humanitarian assistance to the people of Kampuchea who are being subjected to unspeakable suffering caused by the war of aggression, devastation and racial extermination which the Le Duan clique is systematically waging in accordance with a pre-established plan. Concurrently, the United Nations General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session has adopted, by 91 votes to 21, a resolution calling for the immediate withdrawal of all foreign forces from Kampuchea in order to allow the people of Kampuchea to decide their own destiny without any foreign interference.

However, the Hanoi authorities are paying no heed to that resolution. They are continuing to apply the law of the jungle, thus opposing the will expressed by the entire world and all mankind. They are continuing to trample underfoot the resolution of the thirty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly and brazenly to violate the Charter of the United Nations and international laws by sending new troop reinforcements to Kampuchea and arrogantly escalating the special war of genocide in Kampuchea. The Vietnamese occupation troops are not only killing on the battlefield but in addition are planning to carry out their extermination enterprise by the three following means:

First: military operations;

Second: the weapon of famine;

Third: the spraying of toxic chemical substances.

In this way the Hanoi authorities have killed more than 1 million Kampuchean in the past 11 months.

Today, defying universal condemnation, they are intensifying and accelerating their enterprise of genocide against the people of Kampuchea carried out by these means.

Every day thousands of Kampuchean are dying, victims of the fascist policy of genocide of the Le Duan clique.

This situation without precedent in the history of mankind, in which a whole nation and a whole race are threatened with extinction, is mobilizing world opinion against the Hanoi authorities. Everywhere in the world there has emerged a vast and impulsive movement to provide assistance and material and food aid to save the

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Kampuchean people and race from extinction. The Governments of various countries, the United Nations, the International Red Cross, the various relief organizations and public and private humanitarian organizations and individuals are concerned at the tragedy which the Kampuchean people are now experiencing. Overcoming all obstacles, they are stubbornly and persistently making every effort to bring to the Kampuchean people the necessary relief. The considerable volume of aid which is being provided is quite sufficient to save the entire people of Kampuchea.

The Government of Democratic Kampuchea and the people of Kampuchea warmly welcome this aid, for which they express their profoundest thanks. The aid is necessary to help ensure the survival of the people of Kampuchea, who are the victims of the special war of genocide of the Le Duan clique.

Now, however, in the areas temporarily occupied by Viet Nam this aid is not reaching the Kampuchean population. A large part of it is falling into the hands of the Vietnamese troops, who are continuing their campaign of genocide against the Kampuchean people, and the remainder is being resold in Viet Nam at an exorbitant profit.

The Vietnamese troops, who number more than 220,000, are not allowing a single grain of rice to come from Viet Nam. On all fronts, they are replenishing their own supplies essentially from this humanitarian aid. Moreover, the Le Duan clique has organized special centres where they assemble their troops to reinvigorate them by means of this international aid. Such centres exist, inter alia, at Koh Kong and Sre Ambel and around Phnom Penh, and they house tens of thousands of Vietnamese soldiers. As to the Kampuchean population of the areas temporarily occupied by the Vietnamese troops, the latter not only are refusing to distribute to them the humanitarian aid which is intended for them but, in addition, are pillaging and destroying the pitiful crops which the Kampuchean people manage with great difficulty to obtain. Imprisoned in their villages, cut off from all sources of supply, prevented even from going out to look for wild tubers, the population is condemned to die of hunger. This is the situation created by the law of the jungle and the special war of genocide which the Hanoi authorities are waging in Kampuchea.

Because of this situation the Government of Democratic Kampuchea and the Kampuchean people need still more attention from the United Nations, Governments, humanitarian organizations, world opinion and all mankind to their plight and are appealing to them to take concrete measures to restrain the criminal hand of Hanoi. To that end, the United Nations must:

1. Assign a sufficient number of United Nations staff, officials and observers to supervise and distribute directly to the Kampuchean people the aid which is being provided;
2. Assign United Nations observers to go to Kampuchea to investigate on the spot crimes of genocide perpetrated by the Le Duan clique;

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3. Implement effectively and efficaciously the resolution of the thirty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly calling for the immediate withdrawal of all foreign forces from Kampuchea in order to allow the people of Kampuchea to decide their own destiny without any foreign interference.

The Government of Democratic Kampuchea and the people of Kampuchea are convinced that the entire world, all mankind, the Governments and the peoples of different countries, like the United Nations, will find the means and urgently take the necessary efficacious measures to put an end to the special war of genocide of the Le Duan clique in Kampuchea in order to save the Kampuchean people and race while there is still time.
