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of Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

Despite the fact that the Le Duan clique has incurred universal condemnation by world public opinion since the Vietnamese invasion of Kampuchea, the representative of that criminal clique at the United Nations continues to exploit the forum of the world Organization and its services for the purpose of conducting a slanderous propaganda campaign against Democratic Kampuchea and its legal, legitimate Government, which is the one and only representative of the people of Kampuchea and is a Member of the United Nations. These underhanded, cynical manoeuvres by the Hanoi authorities are intended to mislead public opinion, to justify and legitimize their war of aggression and genocide in Kampuchea by every possible means, including the most shameless and barbaric, and to mask their hegemonist, expansionist designs in South-East Asia.

In view of this Machiavellian scheme by the Hanoi authorities, which is unprecedented in the history of the United Nations, I should like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the following:

1. The Le Duan clique has not hesitated to send hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese soldiers to wage an undisguised war of aggression and genocide against Democratic Kampuchea and its people, thus violating in the most flagrant manner the Charter of the United Nations and the laws governing international relations. It does not scruple to invent all sorts of fairy tales and to produce so-called "documents" for the purpose of slandering the Government of Democratic Kampuchea. Despite the denials of 18 September 1979 (A/34/489-S/13543) and 13 November 1979 (A/34/682-S/13628) by the Government of Democratic Kampuchea, the Le Duan clique is persisting in its shameful manoeuvres designed to spread the fictitious story that the Government of Kampuchea seized and killed several foreign nationals, just as it is persisting in its aggression and crimes against Kampuchea and its people and in seeking to justify the presence of over 220,000 Vietnamese soldiers by a so-called "treaty of friendship and co-operation" signed with the puppet régime installed at Phnom Penh two months after that aggression.

2. The international community has forthrightly condemned the war of aggression and genocide unleashed by the Le Duan clique against Democratic Kampuchea and its people. On 14 November 1979, at the 67th meeting of its thirty-fourth session, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 34/22 by the overwhelming majority of 91 votes to 21. Totally isolated and with the mask torn from its face, the Le Duan clique has had the effrontery to insult the General Assembly and all peace- and justice-loving peoples and countries by describing this historic vote as a "farce" and as "illegal". This arrogant attitude of the Le Duan clique towards the principles of the Charter and the relevant United Nations resolutions does not differ in any way from that of the authorities in Tel Aviv or of the racist apartheid régimes in Pretoria and Salisbury, which it seeks to emulate.

3. Everyone is now aware that the clique of Vietnamese expansionists and regional hegemonists has already massacred more than a million Kampucheans in a period of 11 months by the use of weapons and through the famine which it has deliberately created in Kampuchea. Furthermore, the humanitarian aid being provided for the people of Kampuchea through the noble generosity of the international community is being diverted by this criminal clique in order to feed the Vietnamese troops in Kampuchea. Yet, it has the effrontery to claim that it is sending aid to the people of Kampuchea.

4. It is also a matter of public knowledge that the régime set up in Phnom Penh is a puppet of the Le Duan clique in Hanoi and is surviving only because of the more than 220,000 Vietnamese soldiers in Kampuchea; yet, the Le Duan clique maintains that this traitorous régime is a people's régime.

5. In addition, the Le Duan clique has already settled in Kampuchea more than 300,000 Vietnamese nationals who were brought from Viet Nam to occupy the country and turn Kampuchea into Vietnamese territory. This does not differ in any way from the establishment of settlements by Israel in the illegally occupied Arab territories, which has been condemned by the entire international community.

6. The Hanoi authorities are threatening Thailand and are expanding their war of aggression in South-East Asia. Yet, they hypocritically proclaim their devotion to international peace and security. In an extraordinary display of insolence, the Hanoi Government is now going so far as to place responsibility for the tension in the region on Thailand and all the other peace- and justice-loving countries of the world.

The Hanoi authorities are masters of the art of blaming their victims for their crimes and of making lies, slander, deception and gangster tactics their code of conduct in international relations, all of this being dressed up in progressive-sounding slogans, and they do so with an underhandedness and hypocrisy that are without precedent in history.

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I should like to take this opportunity to request you to consider the possibility of taking the necessary steps to put a stop to the criminal activities of the representative of the Le Duan clique, one Ha Van Lau, who, as a former Vietminh and member of the Vietnamese fifth column who was smuggled into Kampuchea before the 1954 Geneva agreements, has been implicated in the crimes committed against numerous Kampuchean patriots.

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

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