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Note verbale dated 23 October 1985 from the Permanent Mission of  
Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the President of the  
General Assembly

The Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations presents its compliments and has the honour to forward herewith the message from the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, His Excellency Pham Van Dong, addressed to the President of the fortieth session of the General Assembly, His Excellency Mr. Jaime de Piniés, and the Secretary-General of the United Nations, His Excellency Mr. Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations.

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Message dated 23 October 1985 from the Chairman of the Council  
of Ministers of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam addressed  
to the Secretary-General and to the President of the fortieth  
session of the General Assembly

On the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations I would like to extend to Your Excellencies my warmest congratulations and best wishes.

The birth of the United Nations Organization right after the Second World War, which ended in triumph won with enormous sacrifices by the world's peoples over fascism and militarism, testified to the strong will and earnest aspiration of mankind in the struggle for a lasting world peace, for independence and equality between nations. During the last 40 years this staunch and victorious struggle has brought about not only radical changes in the political configuration of the planet but also profound changes in this largest and most important international forum of nations. I note with gratification the positive contributions the United Nations has made in these conditions to the common struggle for the attainment of the lofty goals of mankind enshrined in its Charter.

With their long and courageous struggle over the last 40 years for independence, freedom and national reconstruction, the Vietnamese people have made a worthy contribution to the common struggle of the world's peoples for peace and equality between nations.

We highly appreciate your positive contribution, Mr. Secretary-General, to the cause of maintaining world peace and that of building a South-East Asia of peace, stability, friendship and co-operation. We highly value the precious and effective economic and technical assistance given by the United Nations and its specialized agencies to Viet Nam in our national reconstruction.

For our part we would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm our support for the noble goals and principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations and our resolve to contribute to the realization of these goals.

PHAM VAN DONG  
Chairman of the Council of Ministers  
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

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