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Letter dated 4 December 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 2 December 1979, calling upon the world, the United Nations and the international organizations concerned to reconsider the problem of the channelling of humanitarian assistance destined for the people of Kampuchea through the Vietnamese aggressors and their puppet régime in Phnom Penh.

I should be grateful if you would have this statement 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

STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA CALLING UPON
THE WORLD, THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
CONCERNED TO RECONSIDER THE PROBLEM OF THE CHANNELLING OF
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE DESTINED FOR THE PEOPLE OF KAMPUCHEA
THROUGH THE VIETNAMESE AGGRESSORS AND THEIR PUPPET REGIME IN
PHNOM PENH

2 December 1979

The whole world is now aware that the generous and substantial humanitarian assistance which donor countries and organizations have made such efforts to send to Phnom Penh has not reached the people of Kampuchea, who are suffering from the famine and the enormous hardships provoked by the Vietnamese aggressors with the aim of exterminating the whole Kampuchean people and race. All this assistance has been diverted by the Lê Duan clique, which uses it as a weapon to pursue its special genocidal war against the people of Kampuchea, distorting with a rare arrogance the noble purpose intended by the donors in five continents. These abject crimes of the Lê Duan clique have brought down upon it universal wrath and condemnation.

Prompted by a spirit of grave responsibility with regard to the existence of the people of Kampuchea and the perpetuation of the race, and wishing to seek all possible means to ensure its survival, the Government of Democratic Kampuchea warmly welcomes all humanitarian assistance. The Government of Democratic Kampuchea and the people of Kampuchea as a whole have great need of such assistance. The Government of Democratic Kampuchea has on several occasions appealed to Governments, the United Nations, UNICEF, the International Red Cross, political organizations, mass organizations and all people throughout the world to seek all possible ways and means of exerting pressure on the authorities in Hanoi and of dispatching United Nations personnel and observers in sufficient numbers to supervise and carry out the direct distribution of international humanitarian assistance to the people of Kampuchea in all parts of the country.

So far, the Lê Duan clique and its puppet régime in Phnom Penh continue to oppose the presence of United Nations personnel and observers in sufficient numbers to supervise and carry out the direct distribution of humanitarian assistance to the people of Kampuchea. On the contrary, they are diverting all this assistance and using it as a weapon in the escalation of its special and most barbarous genocidal war.

It is in these circumstances that the Government of Democratic Kampuchea appeals to all Governments, to the United Nations, to UNICEF, to the International Red Cross and to all humanitarian organizations to reconsider the problem of the channelling of humanitarian assistance to the people of Kampuchea through the Vietnamese aggressors and their puppets in Phnom Penh, to ensure that concrete measures are taken to prevent the Lê Duan clique from using that assistance as a

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weapon to pursue its special genocidal war against the people of Kampuchea, and to ensure that the assistance actually reaches the people of Kampuchea.

At the same time, in order to find a fundamental solution to the problem, the Government of Democratic Kampuchea and the people of Kampuchea are convinced that all Governments, the United Nations, and all those in the world who love peace and justice will not fail to step up their pressure on the authorities in Hanoi in order to compel them to implement the resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations at its thirty-fourth session, on 14 November 1979, calling for the immediate withdrawal of all Vietnamese troops from Kampuchea in order to allow the people of Kampuchea to decide their own destiny and appoint a national government of their own choice without any outside interference through general elections by direct suffrage under the supervision of the Secretary-General of the United Nations or his representative.

Only after the withdrawal of all the Vietnamese troops will the people of Kampuchea be able once again to find peace and security and lead a normal life and once again have adequate food and medicaments. Only in this way can a solution be found to the explosive situation which prevails along the frontier between Kampuchea and Thailand and peace, security and stability be preserved in South-East Asia and in the Pacific Asian region.