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OF VIET NAM TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the statement dated 6 January 1979 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, rejecting the slanders of the Phnom Penh ruling circle and stating its position on this matter for your information and request you to have it circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative to
the United Nations

Annex

Statement dated 6 January 1979 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

Of late, the Kampuchean people and revolutionary armed forces have, under the leadership of the National Union Front for the Salvation of Kampuchea (NUFSK), stepped up the struggle against the reactionary Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique and recorded resounding victories, liberating large areas of their country. In face of the danger of collapse, the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique have repeatedly made slanderous allegations about "Viet Nam's large-scale invasion of Kampuchea". They requested an urgent meeting of the United Nations Security Council on this question.

Their above-mentioned allegations are aimed at negating the Kampuchean people's just struggle, deceiving world public opinion and averting their unavoidable collapse.

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam resolutely refutes the odious slanders of the Phnom Penh ruling circles and states its position as follows:

1. Over the past three years and more, serving the Peking authorities' expansionist policy, the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique have carried out an extremely barbarous policy, facing the Kampuchean nation with the danger of extermination. They made war on and caused conflicts with all neighbouring countries, thereby undermining peace and stability in south-east Asia. Wherever there is oppression there is struggle. The formation of the National Union Front for the Salvation of Kampuchea is a logical development of the Kampuchean people's widespread and irrepressible uprisings to save their country and themselves. The Kampuchean people's struggle to overthrow the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique is an entirely internal affair of Kampuchea in which nobody else has the right to interfere.

The objectives of the Kampuchean people's revolutionary struggle, as expounded in the programme of the National Union Front for the Salvation of Kampuchea, are to remove the genocidal danger, to build a happy life in independence, freedom and dignity, to carry out a foreign policy of peace, friendship, non-alignment, co-operation and good neighbourliness with south-east Asian countries. They are in conformity with the objectives of the non-aligned movement and the United Nations Charter, thus actively contributing to the preservation of peace and stability in south-east Asia. The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam fully supports this just cause of the Kampuchean people.

2. Instigated and supported by the Peking authorities, the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique have waged a large-scale war of aggression along Viet Nam's south-western border, committing extremely barbarous crimes against the Vietnamese people.

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Viet Nam has shown extreme self-restraint and has, on many occasions, proposed to settle the border conflict between the two countries through peaceful negotiations. However, the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique have obdurately rejected all proposals and continued stepping up the savage border war against the Vietnamese people. The Vietnamese people were thus compelled to exercise their legitimate right to self-defence and resolutely counter all acts of aggression in order to safeguard their independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity and to preserve the long-standing friendship between the Vietnamese and the Kampuchean peoples.

The National Union Front for the Salvation of Kampuchea has come into being. Its policy is to put an end to the border war with Viet Nam, which was provoked by the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique, and to negotiate a solution to the questions concerning the relations between the two countries. The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam warmly welcomes this correct policy and considers the National Union Front for the Salvation of Kampuchea the Kampuchean people's sole genuine representative competent to solve all questions concerning the relations between the two countries.

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam fully supports the statement made on 5 January 1979 by the Central Committee of the National Union Front for the Salvation of Kampuchea and holds that the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique's requesting the Security Council to solve the question of relationship between Kampuchea and Viet Nam is contrary to the principle that "the internal affairs of Kampuchea are to be settled by the Kampuchean people themselves without foreign interference" and to the United Nations Charter as well. The Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique's scheme to use the United Nations to salvage a fascist régime condemned by the whole of mankind and on the verge of collapse is doomed to failure.
