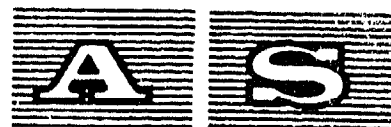


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Letter dated 23 July 1981 from the Permanent Representative of
the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

At the request of Mr. Hun Sen, Vice-President of the Council of Ministers and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the "Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea" on the so-called International Conference on Kampuchea.

I should be grateful if you would have this text distributed as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 22 and 34 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vithaya SOURINHO
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations

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ANNEX

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KAMPUCHEA

The so-called International Conference on Kampuchea, held recently in New York, has adopted a resolution for a "political settlement" in Kampuchea.

In this connexion, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea deems it necessary to make the following observations and wishes to reaffirm once again the consistent position of the Government of the People's Republic of Kampuchea as follows:

1. The main purpose of this Conference, convened on the proposal of the ASEAN countries and orchestrated by the Chinese expansionists and the United States imperialists, was to deceive world opinion, to misrepresent the situation in Kampuchea, to prop up the remnants of the Pol Pot supporters and other Khmer reactionaries who have taken refuge in Thai territory and encourage them in their criminal activities against the rebirth and development of the Kampuchean people, and to sabotage the independence and sovereignty of Kampuchea. These crude manoeuvres are utterly incompatible with the real situation in Kampuchea and with justice. They represent unacceptable interference in the internal affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea and a flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations.

2. It is a matter of public knowledge that those who have caused such an uproar and become champions of the "right to self-determination of the Kampuchean people" are first and foremost the United States imperialists and the Chinese expansionists, renowned aggressors who have brutally trampled on the fundamental national rights and the right to exist of the Kampuchean people and of the peoples of other countries of Indo-China. Moreover, some of the countries that sided with the United States imperialists and took part in the atrocious war of aggression are now joining the chorus of those same imperialists and expansionists in opposing the Kampuchean people and the other peoples of Indo-China. Clearly, all these treacherous manoeuvres are merely an enormous swindle by the United States imperialists and the Beijing expansionists, using the name of the United Nations to camouflage their schemes of intervention and aggression and their expansionist and hegemonistic designs on the three peoples of Indo-China.

3. The Government of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, an independent and sovereign State where our peoples are masters of their own destiny, was elected by the Kampuchean people, enjoys its trust and is effectively managing all the internal and external affairs of the entire country. So-called Democratic Kampuchea is no longer anything but a gang of criminals who have been condemned by all the people of Kampuchea and are receiving aid and assistance in the form of food, arms and equipment from the Chinese expansionists, the United States imperialists and

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Thailand. These remnants of the Pol Pot supporters and the other Khmer reactionaries are committing crimes and acts of piracy against the Kampuchean population, resurgent from the Khmer Rouge inferno.

4. Having put an end to the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary-Khieu Samphan genocidal régime, the Kampuchean people are rejoicing in the peace and freedom so dearly regained and in their vigorous rebirth; the situation in the People's Republic of Kampuchea is becoming increasingly stable and improving each day. This is why the Chinese expansionists, in collusion with the United States imperialists and the other reactionaries, are continually sabotaging the rebirth and development of the Kampuchean people and thus creating a tense and dangerous situation at the Kampuchean-Thai frontier.

It must also be recognized that it is Chinese expansionism, United States imperialism and other reactionary forces that are really a direct threat to the independence, sovereignty, peace and security of Kampuchea and the other countries of Indo-China, and to peace and stability in South-East Asia. Faced with this danger, the peoples of Kampuchea and Viet Nam have the sovereign right to organize, as they see fit, their joint defence and their co-operation and mutual assistance in all spheres. Thus, the presence of Vietnamese troops in Kampuchea is the result of an agreement concluded between the People's Republic of Kampuchea and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, two independent and sovereign States. That presence is not directed against any third country, and no one has the right to meddle or to prevent the countries of Indo-China from exercising their right to self-defence. The urgent problem that arises and needs to be solved immediately is to put an end to the policy of aggression and intervention pursued by the Chinese expansionists, in collusion with the United States imperialists and the reactionary forces, against the Kampuchean people and the countries of Indo-China.

5. The People's Republic of Kampuchea wishes to reiterate that there is no "Kampuchean problem" and, consequently, no solution to be found to it. No country, no organization and, a fortiori, no group of criminals who betrayed their country has the right to speak on behalf of the Kampuchean people or to put forward "settlements" for Kampuchea which in reality are merely manoeuvres designed to pave the way for the return of the barbarous Pol Pot archcriminals. The situation in Kampuchea is irreversible, and all the manoeuvres and activities aimed at undermining the independence and sovereignty of the People's Republic of Kampuchea are doomed to certain and dismal failure.

6. The just, reasonable solution which will bring about peace, stability and co-operation between the countries of South-East Asia is that put forward by the Conference of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Three Countries of Indo-China, held on 13 and 14 June at Phnom Penh.

The Government of the People's Republic of Kampuchea condemns the ludicrous resolution of the so-called International Conference on Kampuchea, categorically rejects it and considers it to be illegal, null and void.

Phnom Penh, 18 July 1981