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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING
OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 18 February 1979 from the Permanent Representative
of the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have been instructed to transmit to you the declaration of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, the Council of State of the German Democratic Republic and the Council of Ministers of the German Democratic Republic of 17 February 1979, and have the honour to request you to have it circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 46 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Peter FLORIN
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Permanent Representative of the
German Democratic Republic
to the United Nations

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ANNEX

Declaration issued on 17 February 1979 by the Central Committee
of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, the Council of State
of the German Democratic Republic and the Council of Ministers
of the German Democratic Republic

HANDS OFF VIET NAM

With deepest indignation the people of the German Democratic Republic has learned the news of the outrageous military attack of China against the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. On 17 February 1979 Chinese armed forces, infantry, artillery, tanks and airforce units invaded Vietnamese territory violating its border and thus attacked the sovereignty and independence of Viet Nam.

This is a crime against the peace and international security. This is a challenge to all peace-loving peoples.

In the name of the people of the German Democratic Republic we resolutely protest against this aggression of Peking against the heroic people of Viet Nam. We call for the immediate unconditional cessation of all war actions and for the immediate withdrawal of the Chinese troops.

We again assure the fraternal people of Viet Nam of the active solidarity of the German Democratic Republic.

Central Committee of the
Socialist Unity Party of Germany

Council of State of the
German Democratic Republic

Erich Honecker
General Secretary and Chairman

Council of Ministers of the
German Democratic Republic

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