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Letter dated 10 March 1980 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith to Your Excellency the statement made on 1 March by a spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam refuting United States slanderous allegations against Viet Nam and request you to have this letter and its enclosure circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 50 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(<u>Signed</u>) NGUYEN NGOC DUNG Ambassador Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

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STATEMENT

by the Spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam refuting the U.S. slanderous allegations against Viet Nam

Following arrogant remarks on 18 February by his Assistant, Richard Holbrooke, U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance on 27 February, immediately after the annual ANZUS conference, rehashed slanders against Viet Nam.

It is public knowledge that U.S. imperialism, in collusion with the reactionary clique in the Beijing leadership, is trying to revive the Manila Treaty whose offspring is the disintegrating SEATO and to step up ANZUS activities against the Indo-Chinese countries, in order to create tension in South-East Asia, in service of the U.S. global strategy of counter-revolution. The United States is drawing Australia and New Zealand in military ventures. It also seeks Japan's participation in joint military exercises while sending more weapons to Thailand and a number of other countries in South-East Asia.

The U.S. Secretary of State's allegations against Viet Nam were aimed at misleading public opinion and covering up these sinister doings of U.S. imperialism.

In its foreign policy regarding the other countries in South-East Asia, the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam consistently strives to develop relations of peace, friendship, co-operation and neighbourliness. This policy has won the sympathy and support of the other South-East Asian peoples and the world's people at large.

The U.S., in seeking to revive the Manila Treaty and step up the activities of ANZUS, is running completely counter to the aspirations of the peoples in South-East Asia for peace and stability in this region.

The United States will be condemned by the South-East Asian peoples for these acts and schemes, and will fail utterly. It cannot resort to cunning moves and deceitful words to hide its collusion with the reactionary clique in the Beijing leadership in its sabotage of peace and stability in South-East Asia.

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