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Letter dated 3 June 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith, for your information, a statement, dated 31 May 1980, by the Spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to protest against China's installation of a radio beacon on a Vietnamese island and kindly 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.

(Signed) HA VAN LAU
Permanent Representative
of the Socialist Republic of
Viet Nam to the United Nations

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ANNEX

S T A T E M E N T

by the Spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign
Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
to protest against China's installation of
a radio beacon on Vietnamese island

According to Xinhua, the Chinese authorities have recently put into operation a radio beacon for aircraft guidance on the Linh Con Island (which China calls Tong Island) on the Hoang Sa Archipelago, allegedly to serve international flights.

Following the designation of four danger zones North of the Hoang Sa Archipelago and the inclusion of a number of islands of the Hoang Sa and Truong Sa archipelagoes in the list of Chinese aviation regions, the above-mentioned action of the Chinese authorities is a gross violation of Viet Nam's territorial sovereignty and an attempt to legalize their illegal activities in the Hoang Sa region and to realize step by step their scheme to control and eventually occupy the Eastern Sea, causing tension in the Southeast Asian region.

The Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam severely condemns that illegal act of the Chinese authorities, and reaffirms Viet Nam's sovereignty over the Hoang Sa and Truong Sa Archipelagoes. The Vietnamese Government and people resolutely defend their sacred territorial sovereignty over those two archipelagoes. Any action by any foreign country, such as occupying, building, investigation, or conducting scientific research on the Hoang Sa and Truong Sa Archipelagoes without prior agreement from the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, is illegal.

Ha Noi, May 31, 1980
