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Letter dated 25 July 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the nine member countries of the European Community, meeting in Council, issued in Brussels on 2 July 1980 the following statement concerning the situation in South-East Asia:

"The nine Governments of the European Community, bound to the ASEAN Governments by deep and growing ties of friendship and co-operation, have followed with close attention and interest the outcome of the meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the ASEAN countries held in Kuala-Lumpur from 25 to 26 June.

"The nine Governments of the European Community wish to express their support for the principles which inspired the work and the results of that international meeting. They consider that these principles are in keeping with those contained in the joint statement on political issues which was approved by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the EEC and ASEAN in Kuala-Lumpur on 8 March 1980.

"On this basis, the nine Governments of the European Community intend to reaffirm their joint commitment with the ASEAN countries for world peace, international co-operation and understanding, economic development, social

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justice and human rights and their joint conviction that all Governments should base their international conduct on principles embodying respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity, the independence of States, the non-resort to force or threat of the use of force and non-interference in the internal affairs of other States.

"Therefore the nine countries of the European Community, together with the ASEAN countries, have repeatedly expressed their deep concern caused by the Vietnamese intervention in Cambodia and warned against the danger that the conflict in that country might spread to other countries in the region. They join the ASEAN Governments in deploring the violation by Vietnamese troops of the territorial integrity and national sovereignty of Thailand which has resulted in an increase in tension, may constitute a threat to the stability of South-East Asia as a whole and causes still further suffering to populations already tried.

"The nine countries of the European Community subscribe to the appeal launched by the United Nations Secretary-General for the re-establishment in the area of the peace and stability necessary for the continued implementation of humanitarian aid programmes which recently received new impetus from the international meeting in Geneva on relief assistance to the Cambodian people."

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under items 22, 50 and 78 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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Luxembourg to the United Nations
