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Letter dated 8 February 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 by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on United States allegations against Viet Nam and request Your Excellency to have this statement and this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security", and of the Security Council.

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(Signed) 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 on United States allegations against Viet Nam

The Spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam flatly rejects these United States allegations. The present tension in this region has originated from the design and policy of big-nation expansion and hegemony of China which is attempting to restore the genocidal Pol Pot-Ieng Sary régime already overthrown by the Kampuchean people. American Secretary of Defence H. Brown's recent visit to China shows that the United States is joining Beijing in a military alliance against Viet Nam in all aspects: the United States has encouraged Beijing to invade Viet Nam and has sent its 7th Fleet warships into the Vietnamese sea and massively delivered weapons to Thailand in an attempt to revive SEATO to oppose Viet Nam, Laos and Kampuchea. In so doing, the United States has given a hand to Beijing expansionists and increased the threat to peace and security in South-East Asia.

There is actually no big attack by Viet Nam in Western Kampuchea when the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique has been reduced to bandit groups. The United States fabrications are aimed at covering up its plot to revive Pol Pot bandits and other reactionary Khmer forces who are using foreign territory to sabotage the reconstruction of Kampuchea which has just been freed from genocide. Some international development agency officials and Western diplomats in Bangkok have admitted that the United States is exaggerating a so-called military building of Viet Nam in order to encourage Thailand to oppose Viet Nam.

The Kampuchean situation cannot be reversed. All schemes to intervene in Kampuchea in any form will be ignominiously foiled. The United States should draw lessons from the mistakes it committed during its criminal aggressive war against the peoples of Viet Nam, Laos and Kampuchea in order to avoid new mistakes.

Ha Moi, 6 February 1980

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