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Note verbale dated 22 June 1981 from the Vice-Prime Minister and  
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic  
Republic addressed to the Secretary-General

The Vice-Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to his communication of 1 June 1981, has the honour to inform him of his country's position, which is as follows:

The Lao People's Democratic Republic, which scrupulously respects the Charter and the just decisions of the United Nations, had, from the outset, deeply regretted the adoption by the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session of resolution 35/6, following the debate on the so-called "situation in Kampuchea". That debate, which had been imposed on the General Assembly through a political manoeuvre by certain countries against the strong opposition and without the participation of the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea, the sole authentic and legitimate representative of Kampuchea, was thus in flagrant violation of Article 2, paragraph 7, of the Charter.

Resolution 35/6, as the outcome of a debate which ran counter to the provisions of the Charters, is devoid of any legal basis, and its practical implementation would thus constitute inadmissible interference in the domestic affairs of a Member State.

Bearing in mind the developments that have occurred in the region since the adoption of resolution 35/6, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, which, together with many other countries, had voted against that resolution, considers that the international conference on Kampuchea, convened by the United Nations without the agreement and participation of the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea, not only constitutes gross interference by the Organization in the domestic affairs of the people of Kampuchea, but also seriously harms the efforts of the countries

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of the region to establish, through direct negotiations, peace, stability, friendship and co-operation in South-East Asia.

The Lao People's Democratic Republic is clearly an interested party in the search for a lasting solution to the problem of this region, a search in which it is actively engaged at the present time, but it vigorously rejects the international conference called for in resolution 35/6, which, far from contributing to a solution of the problem, will merely exacerbate tension and relations among the countries of South-East Asia.

The Vice-Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic requests that the text of this communication be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 22 and 34 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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