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Letter dated 19 June 1981 from the Permanent Representative  
of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

I have the honour to request you to arrange for the note dated 12 June 1981 from the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations concerning the convening of the so-called "international conference on Kampuchea" to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 22 and 34 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Boris A. TSVETKOV  
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of  
Bulgaria to the United Nations

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ANNEX

Note verbale dated 12 June 1981 from the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria  
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to communicate the following:

As is known, the People's Republic of Bulgaria voted against General Assembly resolution 35/6 dated 22 October 1980 and expressed in an explicit and unequivocal manner its disagreement with the conclusions and the proposals of the resolution.

The People's Republic of Bulgaria still maintains this position and once again declares categorically that a possible convening of the so-called "international conference on the situation in Kampuchea" would constitute a dangerous precedent of an attempt at interfering in the internal affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea and violating its sovereignty. Equally, this would be an act which would further hamper the process of normalization in Southeast Asia where the problems should be settled by the countries of the region alone on the basis of the principles of equality, non-interference in the domestic affairs of other countries and respect for their sovereignty.

Instead of securing peace and stability in the region, the attempts to convene the so-called "international conference on the situation in Kampuchea" aim at further aggravating the tensions and distrust existing in the region, thwarting the positive efforts of the nations of Indochina and the ASEAN to find ways of normalizing the situation there and serving as a smokescreen for providing aid to the terrorist gangs of Pol Pot and other reactionary groupings that oppose the process of national reconstruction and renewal in the People's Republic of Kampuchea, a process which, as has been amply testified by the recent democratic elections in this country, enjoys the full support of the whole Kampuchean people.

The People's Republic of Bulgaria supports the proposal put forward in January last by the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, Lao People's Democratic Republic and the People's Republic of Kampuchea for convening a regional conference with the participation of the three countries of Indochina and the ASEAN states to achieve peace, stability, friendship and co-operation in this region of the world. Bulgaria is of the opinion that only after the holding of such a conference, would it be possible to proceed with the convening of an international conference to guarantee the decisions reached at regional level.

Pursuant to the above-mentioned considerations the People's Republic of Bulgaria declares once again its resolute opposition to the convening at this stage of the so-called "international conference on the situation in Kampuchea" as well as its determination not to take part in any undertaking related to this initiative.