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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION  
ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Note verbale dated 26 August 1981 from the Permanent Representative  
of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit to him herewith the text of the Declaration of 4 July 1981 by the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, issued in response to the appeal from the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the national assemblies and peoples of the world (A/36/347, annex).

The Permanent Representative of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam requests the Secretary-General to have the text of the Declaration distributed as an official document of the General Assembly under items 55 and 58 of the provisional agenda.

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ANNEX

Declaration by the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam  
in response to the appeal of 23 June 1981 from the Supreme Soviet of the  
USSR to the national assemblies and peoples of the world

With a deep sense of responsibility towards the cause of peace among nations, the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (seventh legislature), at its meeting on 4 July 1981, warmly welcomed and endorsed the appeal issued on 23 June 1981 by L. I. Brezhnev, President of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, to the national assemblies and peoples of the world, on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the attacks by the Hitlerite Fascists against the USSR.

Fully sharing the views expressed in that noble appeal regarding the international situation and the urgent task of defending the present state of peace, the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam believes that the main reason for the renewed tension in the world is the policy of warmongering and aggression on the part of the American imperialists. They are frantically increasing military expenditure, stepping up the arms race and the plan to deploy medium-range nuclear rockets in Western Europe, striving for military supremacy and seeking to bring back the cold-war climate and sabotage international détente. With the other imperialist and reactionary forces, they are interfering in the internal affairs of Poland, in the hope of alienating it from the socialist community. They are stepping up the supply of arms to reactionary régimes in South-West Asia and in Central America, giving assistance to the Israeli aggressors in the Middle East and to the racists in South Africa, opposing the national liberation movements and threatening the peace, security, independence and national sovereignty of several non-aligned countries.

One salient feature of the current international situation is the intensification of collusion between the United States of America and the Beijing reactionaries, in their opposition to the Soviet Union, the socialist community, the revolutionary movement and the world peace movement. Bolstered by the complicity of the American imperialists, the reactionary Chinese authorities are stepping up their policy of expansionism and hegemonism, and, at the same time, continuing their acts of provocation and threats of aggression against Viet Nam and the Lao People's Democratic Republic, supporting the genocidal Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique, grossly interfering in the internal affairs of Kampuchea, pressuring certain countries to participate in the so-called "International Conference on Kampuchea", and continuing to undermine the genuine revolutionary cause of the Kampuchean people and to provoke conflict between the ASEAN countries and the countries of Indo-China, as well as tension in South-East Asia.

In the light of this situation, the Supreme Soviet of the USSR has appealed to the national assemblies and peoples of the world to take positive measures in favour of peace, security and international co-operation; at the same time, it has declared that the Soviet Union is not threatening anybody, is not striving for military supremacy, is not opposed to any country and is prepared to engage in negotiations forthwith, with a view to curbing the arms race, bringing about disarmament and maintaining and promoting détente. Following up the Programme of Peace submitted at the Twenty-sixth Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the appeal

from the Supreme Soviet of the USSR has illustrated the deep sense of responsibility on the part of the USSR, a State which is made up of many nations, which has endured the greatest sacrifices and made the greatest contributions to the peaceful life of mankind and which deserves to be the sound pillar of world peace and revolution.

The National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam fully supports the appeal from the Supreme Soviet of the USSR; it is convinced that the appeal will be actively endorsed by the national assemblies of the various countries and by those in positions of leadership throughout the world and that it and will be warmly welcomed by all progressive elements.

In their effort to attain independence, freedom and national sovereignty, the Vietnamese people have endorsed many sacrifices in their long struggle against the most tyrannical imperialist and reactionary forces. Accordingly, they understand full well the value of peace, which they earnestly desire in order to build their country. The National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the entire Vietnamese people pledge themselves to stand by the USSR, the other socialist countries, the peace-loving countries and all the progressive elements in the struggle against the policy of warmongering, aggression, expansionism and hegemonism on the part of the imperialist forces and the international reactionaries, with a view to making South-East Asia a region of peace, stability, friendship and co-operation and bringing lasting peace for all to our planet.

HANOI, 4 July 1981

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