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Letter dated 18 April 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement dated 18 April 1984 by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

I should be very grateful if Your Excellency could have this document circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under items 37, 68 and 124 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) HOANG BICH SON
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

S T A T E M E N T

by the Spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

(April 18, 1984)

For the past several days, the Thai authorities made noisy protests against the Socialist Republic of Vietnam concerning the downing of an L-19 aircraft of the Thai air force on April 15, 1984 in a Thailand-Kampuchean border area.

This is a design aimed at covering up Thai air force's repeated violations of Kampuchea's airspace and territory in support of the Pol Pot remnants. The supreme commander of the Thai armed forces General Arthit Kamlang-ek himself had to admit that Thai aircraft had bombed an ammunitions dump inside Kampuchean territory.

Despite repeated warnings by the People's Republic of Kampuchea on April 14 and 15, 1984, the Thai authorities sent reconnaissance planes and bombers to engage in activities even 10 kilometres deep into Kampuchean territory. Carrying out their legitimate right of self-defence, the armed forces of the People's Republic of Kampuchea and Vietnamese volunteer troops have fought back. An L-19 aircraft of the Thai air force was shot down in an area near A Long Reng while guiding Thai A-37 aircraft to bomb Kampuchean territory.

The Spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam completely rejects the absurd accusation by the Thai authorities. That the above-mentioned L-19 aircraft of Thailand was shot down is an inevitable consequence of Thai armed forces' violation of Kampuchea's sovereignty and territory in support of the Pol Pot clique. The Thai authorities must put an immediate end to their aircraft's violation of the People's Republic of Kampuchea as well as other acts of helping the genocidal Pol Pot clique against the People's Republic of Kampuchea.
