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Letter dated 30 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 a statement issued on 30 April 1984 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

It would be greatly appreciated if this letter and its enclosure could be 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 Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic  
of Viet Nam

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Following repeated artillery bombardments, intrusions and land-nibbling attacks against Vietnam's northern border provinces since early April, on April 28-29, the Chinese rulers mobilized three regiments of the 40th division, 14th Army Corps, Kunming Military Region, to launch land-grabbing attacks on mounts 1509 and 772 and Hill 233 in Vi Xuyen district, Ha Tuyen province.

To cover up their war crimes and their continued occupation of many places inside Vietnam's territory, the Beijing authorities have rehashed their slanderous allegation that "Vietnam has made armed provocations along the Sino-Vietnamese border" and concocted the story that "Vietnam built fortifications and military positions on Chinese territory".

This serious act of war escalation of the Chinese rulers has violated Vietnam's territorial sovereignty and disturbed the Vietnamese people's security in border areas with a view to weakening and eventually subjugating Vietnam, first of all, coordinating their actions with the Thai authorities to save the genocidal Pol Pot gang and its associates, who are being punished by the Kampuchean people and their armed forces along the Kampuchea-Thailand border, and sabotaging the A.S.E.A.N. countries' trend for developing friendly relations and cooperation with Vietnam.

This new criminal act of the Chinese authorities, which took place at a time when they were welcoming the U.S. President's current visit to China, has revealed all the more clearly the dark scheme of the reactionary forces within the Chinese leadership to further increase their collusion with the U.S. imperialists to oppose the Soviet Union and the three Indochinese countries and undermine peace and stability in Southeast Asia.

The people and armed forces in Vietnam's northern border provinces, always vigilant and combat-ready, have promptly dealt smart punishing blows at Chinese troops when they engaged in armed provocations and land-grabbing attacks, wiping out many of them and capturing a number of intruders.

The Vietnamese Foreign Ministry strongly condemns and denounces to the world public and the Chinese people these new crimes perpetrated by the Beijing rulers. It firmly demands that China stop at once all its acts of war escalation, land-nibbling attacks and all other hostile acts against the Vietnamese people, acts detrimental to the interests of the Chinese people and of peace and stability in Southeast Asia. The Chinese authorities must bear full responsibility for all the consequences arising from their brazen acts of war.

Hanoi, April 30, 1984

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