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PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES BETWEEN STATES

Letter dated 4 February 1985 from the Permanent Representative of
Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith the text of the statement by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, dated 2 February 1985.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency could have this letter and its enclosure circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under the items entitled "Question of peace, stability and co-operation in South-East Asia", "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security", "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States" and "Peaceful settlement of disputes between States".

(Signed) HOANG BICH SON
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist
Republic of Viet Nam, issued on 2 February 1985

Recently, together with the massing of their troops close to the border, and their stepped-up armed provocations, which have caused an extremely tense atmosphere along the Sino-Vietnamese border, the Chinese authorities have repeatedly made war-threats against the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. A spokesman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry brazenly declared that Chinese border guards were in combat readiness. Serious still, the Chinese Foreign Minister recently made a statement that China would reserve its right "to give Vietnam the second lesson".

The Chinese side's above-said statements and acts are aimed at covering up their acts of aggression against the Vietnamese people, and carrying out their expansionist and hegemonist designs against the three Indochinese countries. They have run counter to the aspiration for peace of the Southeast Asian people, the world people and the Chinese people themselves.

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam severely condemns the Chinese authorities' acts of aggression and war-like statements. The Vietnamese Government and people have always treasured the traditional friendship with the Chinese people and have tried their best to relax the tense situation and restore normal relations between the two countries. At the same time, the Vietnamese people are determined to fight back all acts of provocation by the Chinese authorities and defend the territorial sovereignty and security of their homeland.

The Chinese authorities must bear full responsibility for all the consequences arising from their adventurous acts.
