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Letter dated 14 April 1987 from the Permanent Representative
of Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for your information, a statement dated 12 April 1987 by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea condemning the genocidal crimes of the Vietnamese aggressors of using poisonous chemicals against the innocent Kampuchean people (see annex) .

I should be most grateful if you would have the text of the statement distributed as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 24, 62, 131 and 140 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council,

(Signed) THOUNN Prasi th
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 12 April 1987 by the spokesman of the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Coalition Government of
Democratic Kampuchea condemning the genocidal crimes of
the Vietnamese aggressors for using poisonous chemicals
against the innocent Kampuchean people

As their total impasse situation in Kampuchea is getting worse, the Vietnamese enemy have intensified the use of poisonous chemicals to perpetrate genocidal crimes against the innocent Kampuchean **civilians** in their temporarily controlled areas. Actually, during the month of March this year, they ordered their secret units surreptitiously to put poisonous chemicals into water sources used by the Kampuchean population. Subsequently, a **great** number of Kampuchean civilians have died or seriously poisoned.

To this day, the concerned authorities of the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea (**CGDK**) have received reports about these **Vietnamese** most criminal acts of using poisonous chemicals as follows:

1. On 10 March, in **the** communes of Som and Ta Aur, district of Kirivong, province of Takeo, 800 Kampuchean civilians died and another **130** were seriously poisoned.
2. On 12 March, **in** the village of **Damnak** Trayoeung, commune of Khcheay, district of Touk **Meas**, province of Kampot, 20 people including one Buddhist **monk** died and many others were seriously poisoned.
3. On 13 March, **in** the market of the district seat of Touk **Meas**, province of Kampot, 38 people **including one** Buddhist monk died and many others ~~were~~ seriously poisoned.
4. On 28 March, in **the commune** of Beng **Sala**, district of Touk **Meas**, province of Kampot, 84 other people **died** and another 133 were seriously poisoned. Other cases of poisoned people have reportedly become critical.
5. On 29 March, in the same commune of Beng **Sala**, district of Touk **Meas**, province of Kampot, 17 other people including two Buddhist monks died and **another 18** were seriously poisoned.

Thus, only in 5 localities **in** the provinces of Kampot and Takeo and according to preliminary reports from 10 to 29 March last, the Vietnamese aggressors killed 959 innocent Kampuchean civilians and seriously poisoned another many hundreds.

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On behalf of the **families** of the victims and the Kampuchean people as **a** whole, the spokesman of the **Ministry** of Foreign Affairs of the CCDK condemns in the most Indignant way these genocidal crimes of the Vietnamese aggressors. We would like to appeal to the conscience of the whole mankind, to the United **Nations**, to the Governments of peace- and **justice-loving** countries **in the world** and to all the humanitarian relief **agencies** to give due consideration to this very grave situation **as** the **Vietnamese aggressors** have been **using internationally-banned poisonous chemicals** against the innocent Kampuchean civilians. We would also like to call on them to strongly condemn these Vietnamese genocidal crimes and to take any **effective** measures in **order** to prevent the Vietnamese **aggressors** from using **Soviet-supplied** poisonous chemicals in Kampuchea.

The best and most effective measure is to increase pressure on the Vietnamese aggressors' authorities so that they are compelled to implement the successive United Nations General Assembly resolutions on the Kampuchean problem which call for the withdrawal **of** all the Vietnamese **aggression forces from Kampuchea** and the exercise by the Kampuchean people of their inalienable right to self-determination free **from** any foreign interference or coercion.