THE SITUATION IN KAMPUCHEA

QUESTION OF PEACE, STABILITY AND CO-OPERATION IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA

Letter dated 12 June 1981 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

With reference to Your Excellency's note of 1 June 1981 concerning the convening of an international conference on Kampuchea, I have the honour to transmit herewith the reply of the Government of the Polish People's Republic to the aforementioned note.

On instructions of my Government, I kindly request that this reply be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under items 22 and 34 of the preliminary list.

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In reply to the Secretary-General of the United Nations' note No. PO 240 of 1 June, 1981 concerning the convening of an international conference on Kampuchea, the Government of the Polish People's Republic wishes to state the following:

The vote of Poland concerning resolution 35/6 to which the note refers was negative.

During the debate at the thirty-fifth session on agenda item entitled "The situation in Kampuchea" Poland's Representative stated that the Government of People's Republic of Kampuchea had gained wide internal as well as external recognition and respect. Since that time its position has been further reinforced and its situation more stabilized - the best evidence of which was large participation of all population strata of Kampuchea in the elections to the National Assembly of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, last May.

The Polish Government considers the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea as the only authentic and legitimate representative of Kampuchean people and supports its policies aimed at the revival of national economy and development of peaceful relations with its neighbouring States.

Poland firmly supports all efforts pursued in the interest of peace, stability and co-operation between all countries of South East Asia. In this context, the Polish Government has welcomed numerous initiatives put forward by the three countries of Indochina with a view of achieving this goal by inter alia convening a regional conference between them and ASEAN member States.

As is well known, the People's Republic of Kampuchea, the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and Lao People's Democratic Republic will not participate in the International Conference on Kampuchea as called for in resolution 35/6.

The Government of the Polish People's Republic therefore believes that convening a conference like this would constitute an interference in the internal affairs of Kampuchea and would not serve well the interests of peace, co-operation and security in South East Asia. Under the circumstances, Poland will not attend the proposed conference.