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THE SITUATION IN KAMPUCHEA

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

Letter dated 13 July 1983 from the Permanent Representative
of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

At the request of His Excellency Mr. Hunsen, Vice-President of the Council of
Ministers and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, I
have the honour to transmit to you herewith the message dated 25 June 1983 which he
addressed to you concerning humanitarian assistance for the Kampuchean people.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex
distributed as an official document of the General Assembly under items 23 and 37
of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Dr. Kithong VONGSAY
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

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*Message dated 25 June 1983 from the Vice-President of the Council of Ministers and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Kampuchea addressed to the Secretary-General*

The people and Government of the People's Republic of Kampuchea are very grateful to Your Excellency for the sympathy and humanitarian spirit which you have displayed towards the Kampuchean people, victims of an unprecedented genocidal régime. During the past four years, through your esteemed Special Representative, Sir Robert Jackson, and with the co-ordinated efforts of international organizations and donor countries, the humanitarian assistance of the United Nations has made a substantial contribution to the rebirth of Kampuchean society. However, as you are aware, the reactionary Pol Pot-Ieng Sary-Khieu Samphan clique left behind a totally disorganized, destroyed and unsettled society. Our people still have many difficulties to overcome in order to build a new and happy society. We continue to require international humanitarian assistance in order to exorcise all the evils of the genocidal Pol Pot régime.

The Beijing (Peking) hegemonists and expansionists, in connivance with American imperialism and some Western countries, continue to equip the Pol Pot gangs and other reactionary Khmers for their acts of war and provocation against Kampuchea, and it is well known that Thailand maintains bases and sanctuaries from which armed elements, traitors to the Kampuchean nation, launch operations of sabotage and subversion against peaceful life in Kampuchea. It is most regrettable that, during the last two meetings on United Nations humanitarian assistance to the Kampuchean people, a decision was taken to grant the humanitarian assistance almost exclusively to the other side of the Kampuchean-Thai border. The Chinese hegemonists and expansionists and their partners are using this assistance as a legal means of supporting the Pol Pot gangs and other reactionary Khmers in order to maintain tension at the border and foster instability within the People's Republic of Kampuchea.

Sir,

On behalf of the Government and people of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, I have the honour to ask you to correct this unfortunate situation in which American imperialism, Chinese expansionism and their accomplices are hypocritically using humanitarian and United Nations assistance to camouflage and subsequently legalize their subversive activities in opposition to the rebirth of an independent and sovereign people. I appeal to the international community to condemn severely their immoral practice, which flouts world opinion and abuses the confidence of other Members of the United Nations. I ask you to review the latest decisions by donor countries in order to assist in the search for justice for the Kampuchean people, and to use the humanitarian assistance in a manner appropriate to the genuine needs of the Kampuchean people and to the authentic humanitarian goals of the United Nations. I am certain that you will not tolerate such manipulation of the United Nations and such flagrant interference in the internal affairs of an

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innocent people whose right to representation within the United Nations, as you
know, has been usurped by the bloodthirsty clique disguised under the new label of
the so-called Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea in Exile.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter distributed as an official
document of the thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly under items 23 and 37
of the preliminary list.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) HUNSEN
Minister for Foreign Affairs of
the People's Republic of Kampuchea