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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 23 November 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith for your information the text of the note dated 20 November 1979 sent by the Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the Chinese Foreign Ministry in response to the latter's note of 20 November 1979, and request you to kindly have this letter and its enclosure circulated as a document of the United Nations General Assembly under agenda item 46.

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Note to Chinese Foreign Ministry

The Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam wishes to make clear its view on the Note 55AC/79 of 20 November 1979 sent by the Foreign Ministry of the People's Republic of China to the Vietnamese Embassy in China as follows:

1. The Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam fully rejects the cynical slander made by the Chinese Foreign Ministry in its note.

On 4 November 1979, it was the Chinese authorities who sent a big military force, supported by artillery, into many areas of Chi Ca village, Xin Man district, Ha Tuyen province, causing many losses in lives and property to the local people. The Vietnamese side has promptly denounced and condemned these aggressive acts. However, with the familiar trick of thief crying "stop thief", the Chinese side has sent a note calumniating Viet Nam with the obvious intention of covering up their criminal acts against the Vietnamese people, aggravating tension in the relations between the two countries, and preparing public opinion for a new military adventure against the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

2. It must be pointed out that the Chinese side is still illegally occupying many points on Vietnamese territory and feverishly intensifying war preparations, against Viet Nam along the border line on the ground, on the sea and in the air. Since 16 March 1979, they have caused more than 1,000 incidents of armed provocation, grossly violating Viet Nam's territorial sovereignty, causing many losses in lives and property to the Vietnamese people, sabotaging the normal life of the Vietnamese people in the border areas.

The Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam energetically denounces and severely condemns the dark manoeuvres and the above-mentioned criminal acts of the Chinese authorities. It resolutely demands that the Chinese side immediately cease all armed provocations and encroachments upon Viet Nam's territorial sovereignty and war preparations and threats against the Vietnamese people, continue with a serious attitude the Vice-Ministerial negotiations between the two countries, and respond to the fair and reasonable proposals of the Vietnamese side concerning the urgent measures for ensuring peace and security in the Viet Nam - China border area.

The Chinese authorities must bear full responsibility for all consequences of their criminal actions against Viet Nam.