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Letter dated 30 September 1982 from the Permanent Representative
of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith the 21 September 1982 Statement by the
Presidiums of the Central Committee of the Viet Nam Fatherland Front and the Viet
Nam Peace Committee made public on the occasion of the successful conclusion of the
nationwide Campaign for Peace and Disarmament launched in the Socialist Republic of
Viet Nam.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency could have this note and its enclosure
circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 55 of the
agenda of the thirty-seventh session.

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Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
to the United Nations

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STATEMENT

BY THE PRESIDIUMS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE VIET NAM
FATHERLAND FRONT AND THE VIET NAM PEACE COMMITTEE DATED
21 SEPTEMBER 1982

(On the occasion of the successful conclusion of the nation-wide Campaign for Peace and Disarmament against war designs of the United States imperialists and reactivity forces, in response to the International Day for Peace - 21 September 1982).

Responding to the call made by the Presidiums of the Central Committee of the Viet Nam Fatherland Front and the Viet Nam Peace Committee, the Vietnamese people throughout the country, from Ha Noi Capital to Ho Chi Minh City, from urban areas to the countryside, from mountainous to coastal regions, from all walks of life, religious, political parties, mass organizations, nationalities, etc. have actively taken part in the nation-wide campaign for peace and disarmament against the war designs of the United States imperialist and reactionary forces (from 2 July to 21 September 1982). Together with active and practical activities in production and national construction and defence, the Vietnamese people have contributed 15 million signatures so as to work together with other peoples over the world to totally support measures aimed at preventing nuclear war, curbing the arms race, and promoting disarmament.

Today the Vietnamese people successfully conclude this wide campaign and enthusiastically respond to the International Day for Peace - the display of force of hundreds of millions of people in the world who are fighting for peace and human life, halting the perfidious schemes and acts of the Reagan warlike circles and their accomplices, namely, the Chinese expansionists and hegemonists. In this important day for peace, on behalf of all the Vietnamese people from all walks of life, the two Presidiums of the Viet Nam Fatherland Front and the Viet Nam Peace Committee solemnly declare:

1. Fighting for peace is the most important and urgent task of mankind at present. This struggle is closely linked with the revolutionary struggle of the working class and all nations as a whole. Eliminating the danger of a nuclear war, safeguarding peace and the existence of all nations, defending man's right to live is the hope, the demand and the obligation of everyone over the world.

The people of Viet Nam, who have gone through decades of sacrifices and bloodshed in order to defeat the imperialist and expansionist aggressors to regain freedom and independence and actively contribute to the cause of peace of the world people are, more than anyone else, desirous of a lasting and durable peace. True to their international duties, the Vietnamese people have always united with all revolutionary and progressive forces over the world, and strongly supported the resolute struggle of peoples for peace, national independence democracy and social progress.

2. The Vietnamese people strongly condemn the United States imperialists and other warlike imperialist and reactionary forces, which attempt to attain military superiority against the three revolutionary currents, realize their reactionary
global strategy and are frenziedly engaging in the strategic and nuclear arms race, thus seriously threatening the peace and security of nations, and confronting mankind with the danger of a devastating nuclear war.

3. We fully support the Peace Programme put forth at the 26th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the statement of President L. I. Brezhnev on the Soviet Union's unilateral commitment not to be the first to resort to use nuclear weapons, and other important initiatives taken recently by the Soviet Union and other socialist countries in order to eliminate the danger of war, to maintain détente, to consolidate peace, to build mutual trust and understanding among nations, to promote co-operation between countries of different social systems.

4. We fully support the consistent peace policy of the three Indochinese countries and their practical, reasonable and goodwill initiatives in order to build good relations of friendship and co-operation between Viet Nam, Laos, Kampuchea and all neighbouring and other countries in the region with a view to safeguarding peace and stability in South-East Asia. We resolutely condemn and are determined to foil all schemes and acts of the reactionaries in the Beijing ruling circles in collusion with the United States imperialists aimed at undermining the peaceful reconstruction of the three Indochinese peoples, threatening the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Viet Nam, Laos and Kampuchea.

We strongly demand that the Pol Pot butchers be swept out of the seat of Kampuchea in the United Nations organization.

5. We reaffirm our resolute support and solidarity with the just and bound-to-win struggle of the Palestinian and other Arab peoples who are struggling against the United States imperialist and Israeli aggressors to recover their territories illegally occupied by the Israelis, to restore their sacred rights, including the right to return to their homeland and establish an independent sovereign Palestinian State, under the leadership of the PLO, the sole ad genuine representative of the Palestinian people.

We fully support the proposals of President L. I. Brezhnev aimed at seeking a durable peace for the Middle East.

We strongly condemn the Israeli Zionists and their henchmen who have committed many brutal and barbarous massacres in refugee camps of the Palestinians in Beirut, and resolutely demand that the Israeli aggressors withdraw immediately from Beirut, the capital of Lebanon, a sovereign State.

The struggle for peace is still facing many difficulties and hardships. The Reagan Administration's adventurous policy and its collusion with Chinese expansionism and hegemonism are the factor that is constantly threatening security and stability in Asia and the world and pose a big danger for humanity.

The balance of force in the world is tilting towards peace and progress. The peoples of all countries, regardless of political convictions, religion, languages, races, including the people in the United States are fiercely fighting against the warlike and reactionary forces. We have scored an important victory. The Vietnamese people continue to fight for peace through their daily specific and
practical activities, namely, to speed up the successful implementation of the resolutions adopted by the 5th Congress of the Vietnamese Communist Party.

With perservering struggle and militant solidarity, we will certainly achieve still greater victories. Peace, the common achievement of the struggle of all peoples, must and will be firmly defended.

HANOI, 21 September 1982