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of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations presents his compliments to His Excellency the Secretary-General of the United Nations and wishes to draw His Excellency's special attention to the following.

The Permanent Representative of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam completely rejects the ill-willed, slanderous charges contained in the letter dated 2 February 1983 (A/38/85-S/15593) from the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to His Excellency. The slanderous charges and fabrications made by Thailand aim at poisoning the atmosphere which is becoming less tense, undermining the process of dialogue and that of establishing friendly relations between Viet Nam and Thailand, and only benefit the Beijing expansionists and hegemonists who, in collusion with United States imperialism, are plotting to reimpose the genocidal Pol Pot régime on the Kampuchean people.

Armed and fed by the Beijing expansionists and hegemonists in collusion with United States imperialism, and provided with sanctuaries by Thailand, remnants of Pol Potist and other Khmer reactionary forces have frequently carried out illegal intrusions into Kampuchean territory and have committed numerous bloody crimes against the Kampuchean people.

Faced with this situation, the Kampuchean people and revolutionary armed forces have resolutely meted out due punishment to the remnants of Pol Potist and other Khmer reactionary forces for their crimes, in defence of their sovereignty, security and territorial integrity as well as their revival.

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That is an absolutely legitimate act. The deliberate slanderous charges and fabrication made by Thailand can in no way cover up the fact that they continue to resign themselves to serving the criminal scheme of the Beijing expansionists and hegemonists in collusion with United States imperialism. The Government of Thailand should soon desist from rushing further along this wrong and dangerous course.

The Permanent Representative of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations has the honour to request that the text of this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Question of peace, stability and co-operation in South-East Asia", and of the Security Council.

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