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Letter dated 16 February 1983 from the Permanent Representative of
Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for your information, the text of the statement dated 12 February 1983 by Viet Nam News Agency concerning Chinese violation of Viet Nam's territory.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency would arrange to have this statement distributed as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 37 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) HOANG BICH SON
Permanent Representative
of the Socialist Republic of
Viet Nam to the United Nations

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ANNEX

STATEMENT BY VIETNAM NEWS AGENCY

According to foreign sources, the Chinese side has allowed U.S. oil and gas companies to explore and extract oil and gas in the territorial waters of Canh Ca, in the Bac Bo (Tonkin) gulf.

Concerning this fact, Viet Nam News Agency is authorized to declare the following :

So far, the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, basing itself on firm historical and legal data, has many times affirmed its sovereignty over Viet Nam's territorial waters and continental shelf as well as over all the natural sources in those areas.

The above-mentioned action of the Chinese side is a violation of Viet Nam's sovereignty.

The foreign companies that conduct the exploration and extraction of oil and gas in violation of Viet Nam's sovereignty must bear all the consequences arising from their wrong actions.

HANOI February 12, 1983
