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Letter dated 24 May 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement dated 23 May 1984 by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on China's new war escalation.

It would be greatly appreciated if this note and its enclosure could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 37, 68 and 124 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) HOANG BICH SON
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

S T A T E M E N T

by the Spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on China's New
War Escalation

On May 22, 1984, Chinese troops wantonly shelled many civilian targets in Ha Giang provincial town of Ha Tuyen Province, killing or wounding many civilians, destroying many dwelling houses, and damaging a number of factories and public facilities.

This is a serious war escalation of the Chinese authorities against Viet Nam. By opening artillery fire on a densely populated provincial town of Viet Nam, the Chinese authorities have revealed more clearly their wicked design of invading Viet Nam, violating Vietnam's territorial sovereignty and disrupting the peaceful life of the Vietnamese people in the border area. These cruel shellings on civilians have laid bare the Chinese authorities' deceptive contentions about peace.

This is also an insolent challenge to world opinion which is condemning the Chinese authorities and demanding that they put an end to their acts of war against Vietnamese people.

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam severely condemns and denounces the crimes committed by the Chinese authorities and resolutely demand that China immediately stop all those acts.

Hanoi, 23 May 1984
