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DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF GOOD-NEIGHBOURLINESS BETWEEN STATES

Letter dated 18 June 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 issued on 14 June 1984 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam concerning Thai violations of Lao territory.

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

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ANNEX

S T A T E M E N T

by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist
Republic of Viet Nam on Thai violations of Lao territory

After the intrusions on May 24 and 25, 1984 by hundreds of Thai troops into Tan May Ban Nafay and Ban Kang hamlets Parlay district Say Aboury province of the Lao People's Democratic Republic from June 5 to 8, 1984, the Thai reactionary authorities used aircraft, artillery and infantry units in nibbling attacks against Ban May, Ban Kang and Ban Savang hamlets causing a dangerous tension along the Lao-Thai border.

By attacking those hamlets of Laos, the Thai authorities have cynically violated the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Laos and acted counter to the commitments reached in the Joint Lao-Thai Communiqué in 1979 and the common desire of the Lao and Thai peoples for good neighbourly relations and for friendly and peaceful coexistence.

Along with its violations of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the People's Republic of Kampuchea and its slanders about "Vietnam's encroachment" on Thai territory, the above-mentioned encroachment upon the Lao territory by Thailand were conducted right after the Commander in Chief of the Thai Army had come to the United States and China to seek for military aid, and at a time when China was carrying out its military escalation against Viet Nam.

This shows that the Thai reactionary circles have colluded more and more closely with the hegemonist expansionist and imperialist forces to oppose the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the three Indochinese countries and the prevailing trend of dialogue between the Indochinese and ASEAN countries, and to undermine peace and stability in Southeast Asia.

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam fully supports the principle stand of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, as expounded in the June 13, 1984 Statement of the Lao Foreign Ministry, and resolutely demands that the Thai side withdraw all its troops from the three Lao hamlets it has occupied, return to Laos those Lao citizens captured during its attacks and compensate the Lao side for the cases it has caused.

The Thai authorities must stop at once all acts of aggression against the Lao People's Democratic Republic and their acts of colluding with the Chinese expansionists and hegemonists to cause tension in the region.

Hanoi, June 14, 1984
