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Letter dated 11 March 1985 from the Permanent Representative of
China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon the instructions of the Chinese Government, I have the honour to state the following with regard to the Vietnamese authorities' latest military provocations along the Sino-Vietnamese border and the Thai-Kampuchean border and their military offensives against the Kampuchean patriotic forces and people:

Recently, while launching a frenzied offensive on the Thai-Kampuchean border, the Vietnamese authorities have intensified their military provocations along the Sino-Vietnamese border area. The Vietnamese troops have frantically bombarded border villages and towns inside China, wilfully shot and kidnapped peaceable Chinese border inhabitants, and dispatched secret agents and other armed personnel to sneak into China's territories and to conduct sabotage against production and economic installations. Furthermore, they have launched repeated military attacks against China, infringing upon China's territorial sovereignty and gravely menacing the security of China's

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southern frontier. Under these circumstances, the Chinese frontier troops were forced to engage in restricted and necessary counter-attacks against the invading Vietnamese troops, in exercise of their sacred rights of self-defence.

In total defiance of the strong condemnation of the international community, the Vietnamese authorities have gone so far as to employ large numbers of troops to carry out blatant military offensives against the patriotic forces and people of Kampuchea and make repeated incursions into the territory of Thailand, thereby violating the sovereignty and threatening the security of Thailand. In his letter addressed to Your Excellency dated 8 March, the Permanent Representative of Thailand lodged a protest against the intrusion of nearly 1,000 Vietnamese soldiers into Thai territory and pointed out that these acts were premeditated and most outrageous forms of violation of the territory of Thailand by the Vietnamese authorities. The Chinese Government strongly condemns these acts of aggression perpetrated by the Vietnamese authorities and resolutely supports the peoples of Kampuchea and Thailand in their just struggle against Vietnamese aggression.

The Vietnamese authorities' unbridled offensives against Kampuchea, their savage incursions into Thailand and their military provocations against the Chinese border have not only subjected the people of the three countries to the agony of aggression, but have also constituted a grave threat to the peace and tranquillity of South-East Asia and Asia as a whole. A situation like this cannot but arouse the serious concern of the international community.

The Chinese Government solemnly demands that Viet Nam implement the resolutions on the question of Kampuchea adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, immediately cease its acts of infringement upon the territorial sovereignty of Thailand, completely withdraw its troops from Kampuchea and stop all its military provocations and incursions against the Chinese border.

I would be most obliged if this letter could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 22, 40, 72, 132 and 133 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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People's Republic of China
