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Letter dated 16 May 1985 from the Permanent Representative  
of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

Upon the instructions of my Government and with reference to the letter dated 7 May 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to Your Excellency (A/40/293-S/17165) slanderously accusing Viet Nam of designing "to annex 17 north-eastern provinces of Thailand" and sending her troops to intrude into Thailand's territory, I have the honour to forward herewith the text of the statement made on 10 May 1985 by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on this matter.

I have the honour to request that the text of this letter and its enclosure be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 40, 72, 132 and 133 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) HOANG BICH SON  
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 10 May 1985 by the spokesman of the  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic  
of Viet Nam on Thailand's slanders

Of late, the Thai authorities again cooked up the story of Vietnamese troops intruding into Thailand's territory. They even said that Viet Nam "plans to annex 17 provinces in north-east Thailand".

This is but a customary slander by the Thai ruling circles aimed at misleading public opinion which is strongly demanding that Thailand put an end to its collusion with China in using the Polpotists and other Khmer reactionaries to oppose the revival of the Kampuchean people, and adopts a policy of friendship and peaceful coexistence towards the Indo-Chinese countries.

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam categorically rejects all slanderous allegations of Thailand, and reaffirms its unswerving policy of strictly respecting Thailand independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, and its wish to build a friendly and good-neighbour relationship with Thailand in the interests of the peoples of the two countries and of peace and stability in South-East Asia.

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam holds that there are now favourable conditions for the parties concerned to agree on the establishment of a safety zone along the Kampuchean-Thai border under international control and supervision so as to guarantee peace and stability in the Kampuchea-Thai border area, as has been proposed by the Indo-Chinese countries.

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