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OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

Letter dated 8 September 1980 from the Delegation
of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the Director,
WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific
enclosing a letter addressed to the
Chairman of the Regional Committee

ENGLISH TRANSLATION

Manila, 8 September 1980

Sir,

On behalf of the delegation of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the thirty-first session of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Western Pacific, I should be grateful to you if you could distribute the attached circular note as an official document to the thirty-first session of the Regional Committee.

(signed) Hoang Hoan Nghinh,
Ambassador,
Chief of the delegation
of the Socialist Republic
of Viet Nam

Letter addressed to the Regional Director

Sir,

The Delegation of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam takes part in the present session of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific in the hope of contributing to the noble task of protecting the health of the peoples.

With this objective in mind, we wish to work with friends, united in a spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding for the noble cause of humanity and brotherhood.

However, it is with great regret that we notice the presence of the delegation of the so-called Democratic Kampuchea of the Polpot-Ieng Sary clique, which was ousted on 7 January for its crimes of genocide; this delegation is therefore not qualified to represent the Kampuchean people.

It is furthermore our belief that the participation of the delegation of a regime guilty of genocide in a meeting of the World Health Organization, whose objective is the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health undermines the reputation of this Organization.

The Delegation of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam reasserts that the present Government of the People's Republic of Kampuchea is the only legitimate representative of the Kampuchean people. We thus propose to amend document WPR/RC31/4, pages 182, 183 and 211 by replacing "Democratic Kampuchea" with "People's Republic of Kampuchea" since the funds are to be used for the well-being of the Kampuchean people - the victim of genocide committed by Democratic Kampuchea - and not for the purpose of genocide.

In order to give other delegates all the time required for the successful conclusion of the present session, we do not wish to debate this question in the plenary meeting but we are requesting the Chairman to distribute this circular note as an official document of the thirty-first session of the Regional Committee.

Letter addressed to the Chairman, Regional Committee for the Western Pacific