On March 20, 1979, a delegation of the Laotian puppet administration met the running dogs of the Vietnamese in Phnom Penh and held talks with them. In this connection, the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Democratic Kampuchea is authorized to make the following statement:

1- The visit to Phnom Penh by the delegation of the Laotian puppet administration headed by President Souphanouvong was paid by order of the Le Duan-Pham Van Dong clique and the Soviet international expansionists. As it is well known, the present administration of Laos is completely and since a long time a Vietnamese lackey. Laotian affairs in all domains, e.g. politically, militarily, economically, culturally, diplomatically etc., and at all levels, from the village and commune levels to the national level, are directly managed and administrated by the Vietnamese. The Vietnamese troops of 50,000 men, tens of thousands of Vietnamese administration officers and hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese nationals are occupying and ruling Laos. Besides, the Eastern part of Laos is entirely under Vietnamese administration. What is worse, the Vietnamese-Laotian treaty signed in July 1977 has erased the border between the two countries and has legalized the annexation of Laos by the Vietnamese expansionists. It can be sure that within a few years, Laos will be turned into a Vietnamese province, and the Lao people will become one of the Vietnamese national minorities.

Furthermore, it is known to all that the running dogs of the Vietnamese set up in Phnom Penh have nothing whatever which is Kampuchea. They are purely and completely Vietnamese creatures molded by the Vietnamese in Vietnam. They will disappear at the
time when the Vietnamese are annihilated at the front of aggression in Kampuchea.

2- Now, by order of Le Duan-Pham Van Dong clique, the Vietnamese valets in Vientiane have come to meet the running dogs of the Vietnamese in Phnom Penh. In one voice, they clamoured about the so-called "special friendship" and "special solidarity" under the stinking signboard of the "Federation of Indochina" put up by the Vietnamese of Hanoi. While the master is pulling the strings, the two puppets are staging a farce of signing treaties and agreements on military cooperation to dupe world opinion and to camouflage the intensification of war of aggression by the Vietnamese in Kampuchea. In fact, it is Vietnam which sends its troops stationed in Laos territory to carry out aggression against Democratic Kampuchea.

3- It is at the time when the Le Duan-Pham Van Dong clique is intensifying its war of aggression against Kampuchea and declaring martial law and general mobilization in order to increase effectives in its aggressor troops in Kampuchea, that the visit of the Vietnamese lackeys from Vientiane takes place. The treaty between Vietnamese lackeys in Vientiane and the running dogs of the Vietnamese in Phnom Penh added to the two treaties cooked up by the Vietnamese with their lackeys in Vientiane and Phnom Penh are the prelude of the extension of war of aggression and expansion waged by the Vietnamese regional expansionists and the Soviet international expansionists in Southeast Asia, Asia, the Pacific and the world over.

All these constitute a direct menace to security, peace and stability in Thailand and other countries in Southeast Asia. In the face of such danger of the extension of war, Thailand and other countries in Southeast Asia are united and have taken concrete measures to stop the acts of aggression and expansion on the part of the Le Duan-Pham Van Dong clique, acts supported and encouraged by the Soviet international expansionists.
4- The Government of Democratic Kampuchea and the people of Kampuchea vigourously and vehemently denounce and condemn the insolent violation of independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Democratic Kampuchea, which was perpetrated and is still being perpetrated by the Vietnamese lackeys in Vientiane under the orders of their masters. The Government of Democratic Kampuchea declares solemnly once again null and void all treaties and agreements with foreign countries which the Vietnamese authorities cooked up through the hands of their running dogs in Phnom Penh, and rejects such treaties and agreements categorically. The Government of Democratic Kampuchea and the people of Kampuchea reserve the right to defend their independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity, and to counter-attack and punish all aggressors.

The Vietnamese valets in Vientiane are entirely responsible for their acts of violation and aggression, and for their crimes committed against Democratic Kampuchea and the people of Kampuchea.

5- The people of Kampuchea and the Lao people having similar civilization, culture, habits and traditions, are always sympathetic to each other, and are bound by the deepest sentiments of friendship. Immediately after liberation, in the years 1975, 1976, 1977 when Democratic Kampuchea, emerging from the devastating war, was very destitute, the people of Kampuchea whole-heartedly consented supplementary privations in order to help the Lao people by sending thousands and thousands tons of rice and hundreds and hundreds tons of salt. Furthermore, the people and Government of Democratic Kampuchea have always taken an attitude of being patient, calm and politically mature against all kinds of provocations continuously perpetrated by the Vietnamese lackeys in Vientiane, on the instigation of their masters. The Vietnamese lackeys in Vientiane have been developing activities for destroying the unblemished traditional friendship between the people of Kampuchea and the Lao people.
In spite of all these, the people of Kampuchea and the Government of Democratic Kampuchea are convinced that the profound feeling of friendship and solidarity forged in the course of history and binding our two peoples will never be destroyed. This feeling will certainly be preserved and will develop and blossom forever in the common struggle against the Vietnamese aggressors, swallowers of territories, exterminators of nations and traditional enemies of our two nations and peoples.

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