STATEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PRESS AND INFORMATION OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA CONCERNING THE MASQUERADE OF SENTENCE STAGED IN PHNOM PENH BY THE LE DUAN-PHAM VAN DONG CLIQUE

The statement dated August 21, 1979 points out:

"By setting up a vietnamese tribunal in Phnom Penh, the Le Duan-Pham Van Dong clique has carried out an abject masquerade. The culprit is itself for it is itself which has aggressed Kampuchea and carried out the extermination of the Kampuchea people. But it has set up as a tribunal to sentence the leaders of Democratic Kampuchea. What are therefore the aims of the Le Duan-Pham Van Dong clique?"

As pointed out in the statement, it aims at ousting Democratic Kampuchea from the non-aligned movement and the United Nations and replacing her by its lackeys in order to serve the short and long-term strategy of Vietnam, the Soviets and their followers, the seizure of the non-aligned movement and the world expansionism.

After having quoted several manoeuvres of the Hanoi clique against Laos and Democratic Kampuchea, the statement further points out:

"Vietnam feverishly flings itself about but although what it has done, the public opinion opposes it and drives it into an extreme isolation in the political, economic and diplomatic fields, inside the country and abroad. Despite all its efforts, it will not obtain the recognition of the traitors in Phnom Penh, its lackeys, except by a handful of its followers."
Concerning the Government of Democratic Kampuchea which leads the Kampuchea people in struggling against the Vietnamese expansionists, it is recognized by more than 80 countries and is actively and increasingly supported, for the public opinion has been perfectly aware of that, if Vietnam succeeds in swallowing up Democratic Kampuchea, it will become even more arrogant and extend its expansion and interferences, jeopardizing peace and stability in Southeast Asia and in the Asia-Pacific region."