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**Statement of the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry
Spokesman**

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Summary:

The Vietnamese Foreign Ministry denounces the delivery to Thailand by the United States of military equipment.

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Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith the Statement dated 9 April 1983 by the Spokesman of the Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam condemning U.S. military aid to Thailand.

I should be very grateful if Your Excellency could have this note and its enclosure circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under the item entitled "Peace, Stability and Cooperation in Southeast Asia", and of the Security Council.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

H.E. Mr. JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR
Secretary-General of the United Nations
NEW YORK.

HOANG BICH SON
Permanent Representative
of the Socialist Republic
of Viet Nam to the
United Nations.

S T A T E M E N T
OF THE VIETNAMESE FOREIGN MINISTRY' SPOKESMAN.

According to Western reports, the U.S. administration is urgently shipping military equipment to Thailand, including anti-aircraft missiles and long-range artillery, allegedly to help the Thai army resist the so-called "border attacks of Vietnamese forces".

This act of the United States takes place following repeated statements of the U.S. State Department during the past few days echoing the slanderous charge by the Thai authorities and China that Viet Nam has attacked Kampuchean civilians and threatened Thailand's security.

The United States' stepped-up military aid to Thailand and its slanderous allegations are clearly aimed at helping Thailand to increase its military activities in support of the Pol Pot remnants and other Khmer reactionaries, thus posing a threat to Kampuchea's territory and peace and security in Southeast Asia. These acts take place alongside U.S. - Beijing coordination to bring about a confrontation between the two groups of the Indochinese and ASEAN countries and prevent the trend towards dialogue in the region. These acts of the U.S. only benefit Beijing expansionism and hegemonism.

The Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam strongly condemns the United States for its increased military aid to Thailand and its continued collusion with China to oppose the Kampuchean people's revolution, thus rendering the situation along the Kampuchean - Thai border more tense. The U.S. Government must bear full responsibility for all possible consequences of its above-said acts.

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Letter dated 11 April 1983 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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I should be very grateful if Your Excellency could have this note and its enclosure circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 37 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) HOANG BICH SON
Permanent Representative of the Socialist
Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations