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KHMER PEOPLE'S NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT.

The real problem to resolve in Cambodia is the withdrawal of the Vietnamese from that country. That is what are asking :

- all the Cambodians living inside or outside of Cambodia, in a low voice or openly,
- the United Nations in their 9 consecutive Resolutions voted since 1979 with a regularly increasing majority (117 voices, last October 14, 1987),
- the ASEAN countries which took the initiative of the UN Resolutions since 1979,
- the People's Republic of China, also since 1979,
- the whole of Europe, through the voice of Madam Margaret Thatcher,
- the United States of America, through the voice of President Ronald Reagan, who raised and discussed with Mr. Gorbachev the questions of regional conflicts, including that of Cambodia, in Geneva, in Reykjavik and recently in Washington D.C.,
- the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea (CGDK) and its 8 points' proposal.

We can not ignore all these positions and disregard all the international supports: even Yugoslavia (which has voted for the UN Resolutions) and Romania are in favour of the withdrawal of the vietnamese troops in Cambodia.

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I therefore wish to be able to participate on a personal capacity in the meetings between the Cambodian parties, if Vietnam is attending.

If for a reason particular to Hanoi, Vietnam can not participate immediately in these meetings, I ask this country to make, prior to these meetings between the Cambodians, a solemn statement (through letters addressed to His Excellency the UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, and especially to the five great powers of the UN Security Council) promising to withdraw all its troops from Cambodia, as soon as possible after the quadripartite meetings.

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