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STATEMENT ISSUED LAST WEEK BY THE KAMPUCHEAN
FOREIGN MINISTRY ON THE SOCALLED MASSIVE
HUMANITARIAN AID TO KAMPUCHEA

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As a grave consequence of the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary genocidal regime more than 2 million Kampucheans are being threatened by famine. In face of this situation the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea has been implementing many active measures to quickly stabilize the people's life, bring the vast majority of the population whose life has been upset by Pol Pot and Ieng Sary to its native land, to step up production and mutual assistance.

At the same time the Council has been given emergency aid from Viet Nam, the Soviet Union and other socialist countries. Apart from the amount of aid for long term and fundamental construction the brotherly socialist countries have given 200,000 tons of food and hundreds of tons of medicine as aid to do away with famine and diseases in Kampuchea. The People's Revolutionary Council expresses its gratitude for the great, timely and effective assistance given by Viet Nam, the Soviet Union and other socialist countries and the movement in support for the Kampuchean people. Besides, the People's Revolutionary Council has also received aid from a number of international organisations which has up to now totalled 200 tons of goods. The aid goods have been quickly distributed particularly in the areas hit with severe food shortage.

That is why famine has been checked and initially repulsed. Although there are still many difficulties yet thanks to the efforts of the Kampuchean people and unreserved assistance from the world community, especially the brotherly socialist countries, the prospect of solving the famine is promising.

However, shutting their eyes from this reality the United States, Japan and other imperialist and reactionary forces are trying to dramatize the famine in Kampuchea and hold the

revolutionary administration responsible for the famine left by the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique and its master. They have negated the major efforts and initial successes of the People's Revolutionary Council in doing away with the famine, accused the Council of obstructing and causing difficulties to the realization of the massive international humanitarian aid programme to Kampuchea which is tantamount to bring pressure to bear up on the Council to make it accept aid with political strings attached. The most brazen condition calls for the acceptance of the so-called "aid to both-side formula" and furthermore a political solution to the Kampuchean issue.

It is recalled that while the socialist countries have been giving great and effective assistance to do away with the famine in Kampuchea without any conditions, the United States and Japan have done nothing to help the Kampuchean people, but instead they have made brazen slanders and put forth all kinds of condtions.

As a matter of fact what they have done and planned to do is to send thousands of tons of aid goods to the remnants of the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique, so that they could build logistic bases and sanctuary along the Kampuchean-Thai border in order to revise the genocidal corpse of Pol Pot and Ieng Sary to oppose the Kampuchean people's national building and defence, to sabotage independence, sovereignty and security of Kampuchea and to undermine peace and stability in the region.

The People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea exposes and denounces this dark scheme of the US imperialist and international reaction and resolutely rejects slanders, distortion and all political conditions put forth by them.

The Kampuchean people and the world public will not be fooled by their attempts to mix the so-called humanitarian aid with the unreserved assistance from the fraternal socialist and peace and justice loving countries and progressive organisations all over the world.

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Once again/People's Revolutionary Council affirms its policy that it welcomes all aid to the Kampuchean people without any condition attached. Only the People's Revolutionary Council, the sole genuine and legal representative of the Kampuchean people now handling all home and foreign affairs is entitled and fully competent to receive and distribute international aid to the people in the whole country. All schemes and acts taken under the label of humanitarian aid to intervene in Kampuchea's internal affairs and sabotage independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Kampuchea will be resolutely opposed by the Kampuchean people and condemned by the world and cannot avoid shameful defeat./.
