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OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

Letter dated 11 September 1980 from the
Delegation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic
to the Director, WHO Regional Office for the
Western Pacific, enclosing a letter addressed
to the Chairman of the Regional Committee

ENGLISH TRANSLATION

Manila, 11 September 1980

Sir,

On behalf of the Delegation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic,
I should be grateful if you would kindly transmit the attached letter to
the Chairman of the Regional Committee and issue it as an official document
of the thirty-first session of the Regional Committee.

(signed) Dr Ponemek Dalaroy
Chief of the Delegation of the Lao People's
Democratic Republic

Letter addressed to the Regional Director

11 September 1980

Sir,

The Delegation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic came to the thirty-first session of the Regional Committee prompted by a desire to pursue the noble objectives of the World Health Organization.

However, we note that the presence of the representatives of the so-called Democratic Kampuchea has seriously impaired the harmony of the conference and is contrary to the true spirit of humanism.

The Polpot-Ieng Sary clique, which is the instrument of a large nation's expansionism, is responsible for the crimes of genocide committed against 3 million Kampuchean people. For this very reason, it was once and for all overthrown by the Kampuchean people on 7 January 1979. Their representatives have accordingly no further claim to legitimacy and can on no account attend our conference on behalf of the Kampuchean people.

The Government of the People's Republic of Kampuchea is the sole legitimate representative of the Kampuchean people.

Our delegation would like to state once more its position on this issue.

We request, Mr. Chairman, that you kindly issue this letter as an official document of the thirty-first session of the Regional Committee.

(signed) Dr Ponemek Dalaroy
Chief of the Delegation of the Lao People's
Democratic Republic

Letter addressed to the Chairman, Regional Committee for the Western Pacific