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OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government and further to my letter No. 2630/1604 of 27 September 1971 (document S/10349 of 1 October 1971), I have the honour to communicate the following to you for the information of the members of the Security Council.

The North Viet-Nameese and the Viet Cong, who are at present invading the Khmer Republic, have committed numerous crimes against the Khmer population. During the night of 29-30 October 1971, these foreign North Viet-Nameese and Viet Cong aggressors used poison gas shells against Khmer positions at Rumlong, WU.134/593, Kompong Thom province, causing serious injuries among the Khmer armed forces and the local civilian population.

Among the numerous victims of the poison gas, a Khmer woman and seven members of the armed forces were evacuated to the Preah Monivong Hospital at Phnom Penh.

The main symptoms observed by the doctors treating the victims are as follows: coughing, bloody expectoration, nervous disorders, irritation of the eyes, vomiting, etc.

These injured persons were also presented to the national and international press on the morning of 3 November 1971 at Preah Monivong hospital at Phnom Penh.

I wish once again to bring before world opinion the vehement protest of the Government of the Khmer Republic against these heinous crimes, condemned by the entire world, which have been committed by the North Viet-Nameese and Viet-Cong aggressors against the Khmer population.

The Government of the Khmer Republic holds the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam and the so-called Provisional Revolutionary Government of

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South Viet-Nam wholly responsible for all the very serious consequences of these acts and reserves the right to adopt appropriate measures for the defence of its population.

I should be grateful if you would have this communication circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Truong CANG
Permanent Representative of the
Khmer Republic to the
United Nations
