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Respectfully submitted to:**The Embassy of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia**

092-YOU/78

Phnom Penh

Dear Beloved Comrade,

We respectfully extend the courtesy to you and inform as follows:

On 12 July we received your letter N° 260-77 dated 12 July 1978 requesting us to load peanuts, coffee beans and pepper onto *Motovong* (ម៉ូតូវ៉ង) ship, which was being docked at Kampong Som Port on that day.

We regret to inform you that we cannot meet your request. The reasons thereof are specified as in the notification we gave to you via the letter N° 085/YOU/78 of 3 July. For *Motovong*'s shipment on this occasion, we had arranged a number of products for sale to Yugoslavia:

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-Husked "white" rice Number 1 with broken grains of 15 per cent.....	5,000 Tonnes
-Peanuts.....	65 Tonnes
-Coffee beans (Robusta variety) Number 1.....	3.240 Tonnes
-Coffee beans (Robusta variety) Number 2.....	2.610 Tonnes
-Coffee beans (Robusta variety) Number 3.....	1.440 Tonnes
-Black pepper Number 1.....	35.125 Tonnes

However, as we did not receive any response from Yugoslavia within the period as set out, we were afraid that Yugoslavia would not purchase the products we had arranged and we therefore decided to have arranged for the sale of the goods to other market in order to prevent them from spoiling.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform Yugoslavia that we have in the past arranged goods for sales to Yugoslavia and have been waiting for long without offering them to any other market. We are afraid that if Yugoslavia reversed the decision, we would not be able to make timely arrangements to sell the goods to other market which would therefore degenerate goods quality significantly. For instance, in 1977, we arranged 5,000 tonnes of husked rice Number 1 with 15 per cent broken grains, 200 tonnes of coffee, 45 tonnes of pepper and 40 tonnes of peanuts and transported them to Kampong Som Port where they would be well ready to be loaded onto Yugoslavia's Baltic (បាល់ទឹក) ship. We were waiting for Yugoslavia's response, but received no one after a long wait. Yugoslavia eventually replied that it would take only 200 tonnes of coffee and would not purchase the rice and the other goods. Due to time constraints after such a long wait, we could not make timely arrangements for the sale of the rice and the other goods to other market, thus downgrading our goods quality and incurring much loss for us.

We would like to raise this matter for Yugoslavia's information and understanding as to our endeavour and challenges. We are confident that such challenges

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are temporary and will be overcome, and that both of our sides will continue to cooperate and strive to work out resolutions.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

On behalf of the Committee for Foreign Trade of Democratic Kampuchea

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