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- Respected and Esteemed Comrade U Lanfu Member of Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress,
- Respected and Esteemed Comrade Chi Peng-fei, Member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress,
- Comrades and friends,

The Delegation of the Assembly of the People's Representatives of Kampuchea is very glad to be here in Peking, the glorious Capital of the People's Republic of China. We have received from the Communist Party of China, the National People's Congress of China, the Government and brotherly people of China the most cordial and warmest welcome and greetings, and many evidences expressing the most profound revolutionary fraternal feelings. The precious and kind words expressed just now by Comrade U Lanfu have also shown that the great revolutionary fraternal friendship and militant solidarity between our two Parties, two peoples and two countries are deep, strong and wonderful. We would like to extend our most profound thanks.

Comrades and Friends,

We are very happy that we could come and pay a visit to China in a situation when the brotherly Chinese people, under the leadership of the Communist Party of China and Comrade Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, their clear-sighted leader,

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have won successive victories in fulfilling their tasks during the new stage of their history.

Particularly, the First Session of the 5th National People's Congress of China held this year has achieved brilliant victory. This Session has actively contributed to wipe out the baneful influence of the "gang of four", to strengthen and develop the gains of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution and improve the situation in the country. This Session has also played an important part in strengthening the union of the Chinese people of all nationalities around the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Comrade Chairman Hua Kuo-feng in carrying out the line of the 11th Congress of the Communist Party of China and in achieving the 4 modernizations in conformity with the wishes of Comrade Chairman Mao Tsetung and Comrade Prime Minister Chou En-lai in order to change China into a great, powerful and modern socialist country before the end of this century.

The excellent situation in the People's Republic of China has raised high its prestige in the international arena. The successes of the visits of Comrade Chairman Hua Kuo-feng to the Socialist Republic of Romania, the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and Iran are other brilliant evidences. But the fact which leads the peoples the world over, particularly the Third-World peoples to like and highly appreciate the People's Republic of China is that the Communist Party of China and the Chinese Government have firmly adhered to the proletarian internationalism and unvaryingly carried out the revolutionary line of Comrade Chairman Mao Tsetung in foreign policy. The People's

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Republic of China has constantly abode by the 5 principles of peaceful coexistence, establishing relations based on the strictest equality with all countries, small or big. These relations have become a model for the relations between States. The China-Japan Friendship and Peace Treaty which has included a clause on anti-hegemonism is a contribution to the struggle against expansionism and imperialism, against all forms of domination and hegemonism, and it is also an important contribution to the defence of independence and peace in Asia and in the world.

We would like to express our warm congratulations to all these victories achieved by the Communist Party of China, the National People's Congress of China, the Government and brotherly people of China, and wish the Chinese comrades more new and great victories under the prestigious revolutionary banner of Comrade Chairman Mao Tsetung, great leader and educator of the Chinese people, and under the leadership of Comrade Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, clearsighted leader of the Chinese people.

Comrades and Friends,

The worker-peasant-labourer people of Kampuchea, who used to be cruelly and vilely oppressed, exploited, enslaved, despised and humiliated, have definitively put an end to this past dark period and on April 17, 1975, they have ever since totally grasped the State power through their Assembly and become masters of their own destiny and that of their country in full independence, sovereignty and self-reliance.

At present, under the correct leadership of the Communist Party of Kampuchea and Comrade Secretary Pol Pot, the

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people and the Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea have smashed all the acts of subversion, attempts at coups d'état and acts of aggression, expansion, annexation and swallowing of territories cruelly, barbarously and successively perpetrated by Vietnam against Democratic Kampuchea. Through this, the people and the Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea have also crushed the Vietnamese strategy of "Indochina Federation" aiming at swallowing the Kampuchea's territory and exterminating the Kampuchea's race, and thus inflicted an ignominious defeat on the Vietnamese strategy "lightning attack, lightning victory".

Being hard hit by these defeats, Vietnam is desperately carrying out manoeuvres aiming at destroying the Kampuchea-China friendship and they have ill-treated the Chinese nationals in the most barbarous way. At the same time, Vietnam has carried out manoeuvres aiming at splitting the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Kampuchea and manoeuvres in order to mislead the Governments of the Southeast Asia countries aiming at achieving the expansionist policy of the expansionist big power in this region. However all these Vietnamese manoeuvres have been once again defeated. The peoples and the countries in Southeast Asia have held aloft their vigilance against the Vietnamese manoeuvres, for they have become more and more aware of the Vietnamese hypocrisy and duplicity. They have seen that Vietnam is an instrument in the expansionist big power's play and they have been fully aware of that if it succeeds in swallowing Kampuchea, Vietnam would surely expand itself in the whole Southeast Asia.

Through the grand victory of January 6, 1978 and the successive victories during these past 8 months, the

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people and the Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea have succeeded in totally defending the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Democratic Kampuchea.

At present, in Democratic Kampuchea, the great revolutionary mass movement is very impetuous and powerful. Both at the front and in the rear, the people and the Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea are actively and most enthusiastically struggling at the same tempo and are overcoming all obstacles to fulfil their sacred tasks in the new stage of the Kampuchea's revolution. The victories of our people in defending their national independence have direct and favorable consequences for the building up of an independent, peaceful and neutral zone in Southeast Asia, without foreign interference or intervention in any form whatever.

During their successive revolutionary struggles, the Communist Party of Kampuchea, the people and Government of Kampuchea have always received from Comrade Chairman Mao Tsetung, Comrade Prime Minister Chou En-lai, Comrade Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, the Communist Party of China, the people and the Government of the People's Republic of China the most precious encouragement, aids and supports. The Chinese comrades have wholeheartedly given us the most sincere aids and supports with a purest spirit of proletarian internationalism and by adhering firmly to the principles of independence, equality and mutual respect. We avail ourselves of this opportunity to highly appreciate these aids and supports which have reinforced our independence and sovereignty, and to express once again our most profound thanks.

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At the same time, the friendly peoples the world over, near or far, the non-aligned countries, the Third World countries and the independence-and justice-loving countries have also sincerely expressed their sympathy with, encouragement and given aids and supports to the just struggle of our people in order to defend and safeguard the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Democratic Kampuchea. We also avail ourselves of this excellent occasion to express to them once again our warmest thanks.

Comrades and Friends,

The great revolutionary fraternal friendship and the great militant solidarity between our two Parties, two peoples and two countries are very strong and flourishing. We are convinced that this visit of the Delegation of the Assembly of the People's Representatives of Kampuchea is another excellent occasion to further develop and strengthen these friendship and solidarity.

In these sentiments, we would like to express our wishes :

- for the ever flourishing and development of the great militant solidarity and the great revolutionary fraternal friendship between our two Parties, two peoples and two countries, Kampuchea and China,

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- for the new and great victories of the People's Republic of China,
- for the health and longevity of Comrade Chairman Hua Kouo-feng,
- for the health and longevity of Comrade Yeh Chien-ying, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China,
- for the health of Comrade U Lanfu,
- for the health of Comrade Chi Peng-fei,
- for the health of all Comrades and friends present here.