

***ASEAN Foreign Ministers' "Joint Statement"
on Vietnam's Action in Kampuchea***

Determined to display ASEAN's unity and solidarity in the face of threats to the peace and stability of Southeast Asia and recalling the pledge given by Vietnam to the ASEAN member countries to strictly respect the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of each country and to cooperate with those countries in maintaining and strengthening regional peace and stability, the ASEAN Foreign Ministers held a meeting in Bangkok on 12 and 13 January 1979 and reached the following agreements:

(1) All ASEAN Foreign Ministers support the statement issued on 9 January 1979 in Jakarta by the Indonesian Foreign Minister in his capacity as Chairman of ASEAN Standing Committee on the expansion of the armed conflict between Vietnam and Kampuchea.

(2) All ASEAN Foreign Ministers deplore the armed intervention threatening the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Kampuchea.

(3) All ASEAN Foreign Ministers confirm the right of the Kampuchean people to decide their own future without external interference or influence so that they may exercise their right to self-determination.

(4) In order to achieve the above-mentioned goal, all ASEAN Foreign Ministers demand the immediate withdrawal of all foreign troops from Kampuchean territory.

(5) All ASEAN Foreign Ministers support the decision made by the U.N. Security Council to give immediate attention to the situation in Indochina and vigorously encourage the Security Council to take necessary and suitable measures to restore peace, stability, and safety to the area.

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