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In its Declaration on the situation in Indochina of April 30, 1970, the Romanian Government states its profound anxiety in connection with the appearance of new elements of tension in that region, in consequence of the intensified aggressive actions by American imperialism and by the domestic reactionaries against the Indochinese peoples.

Developments have corroborated the Romanian Government's assessment of the threat the extension of the military conflicts in Indochina spells to peace throughout the world and to the right waged by the peoples in that region for the defence of their freedom and independence, for self-dependent economic and social development.

The attack and entry by the American and Saigon troops on Cambodia's territory - as announced in his April 30 statement by the President of the United States of America - signify a fresh escalation of the aggression against the peoples of Indochina. Material destruction is being caused and the civilian population massacred. A big power is assuming to itself the right to interfere by force in the internal affairs of a small country and to back the reactionary circles of that country. All this signifies a serious transgression of the Cambodian people's right to decide its own destiny, a flagrant violation of the principles of national sovereignty and independence, of the fundamental rules of international law laid down in the U.N. Charter. The escalation in Cambodia adds to the continued war waged on the Vietnamese people, to the intensified American military actions against the patriotic forces of Laos.

Stressing that these new aggressive actions cause profound anxiety and seriously prejudice the peoples' efforts for peaceful coexistence, international understanding and

cooperation, create new dangers to peace both in South-East Asia and throughout the world, the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania most categorically condemns these actions and demands that an end be put to them. It is necessary that the U.S. aggression in Vietnam discontinues, that the bombing of the territory of the Vietnam Democratic Republic be ended definitively, that the U.S. troops and its allies be withdrawn from South Vietnam, that the American and Saigon troops be withdrawn from Cambodia and that the military actions against the patriotic forces of Laos be stopped.

As stated earlier, the Romanian Government considers that the Vietnamese, Laotian and Cambodian peoples should be allowed to solve their own problems according to their will, aspirations and interests, without any outside interference.

The Romanian Government and people reassert, on this occasion too, their solidarity with and support of the just cause of the peoples of Indochina and express firm belief in the victory of their fight for liberty, independence, peace and social progress.

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T E L E G R A M

SAMDECH NORODOM SIHANOUK

Head of the Cambodian State, Chairman of  
the United National Front of Cambodia

I have the great honour to extend to you on behalf of the State Council of the Socialist Republic of Romania, of the Romanian Government and people, and on my own behalf, sincere congratulations in connection with the establishment of the Royal Government of the National Union under the aegis of the National United Front of Cambodia and with the adoption of the political programme of the National United Front.

Abiding by her policy of supporting the fight of the peoples for liberty and independence, against imperialism and colonialism, the Socialist Republic of Romania reasserts her full solidarity with the noble fight of the Cambodian people for the triumph of its just cause.

We wish the Royal Government of the National Union and the Cambodian people success in rallying all the patriotic forces for defending the country's liberty and independence, for repelling the aggression of the Saigon and American troops, for the Cambodian people's right to decide its own fate, without any outside interference, in keeping with its will, aspirations and interests.

We are expressing on this occasion the conviction that the relations between the Socialist Republic of Romania and Cambodia, between our peoples will witness a continued development in the interest of the cause of social progress, independence and world peace.

NICOLAE CEAUSESCU

President of the State Council  
of the Socialist Republic of

Romania



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