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## CAMBODIAN HEAD OF STATE REPLIES TO PRESIDENT HO CHI MINH

SAMDECH Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State of the Kingdom of Cambodia, has sent a letter to President Ho Chi Minh in reply to his message on the occasion of the establishment of diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level between the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam and the Kingdom of Cambodia.

The Cambodian leader's letter, dated July 1st said: "I extend to you my very sincere thanks and I am happy to assure you that the Khmer people and myself greatly rejoice at this new and important manifestation of Khmer—Viet Nam solidarity.

"The spirit of the first exchange of ambassadors between Cambodia and the D.R.V.N. and the setting up for the first time in Phnom Penh of a permanent representation of the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation constitute an extremely valuable guarantee for the development of our fraternal relations. We are convinced that the stabilisation of our common frontiers has brought about a climate of full confidence between Cambodia and Viet Nam, thus making it possible to ensure our co-operation at present and in the future.

"Our militant solidarity against the American aggressors and for peace in complete independence is consistent with the interests of all the peoples in South-East Asia".

The letter expressed the wish that the heroic fraternal Vietnamese people would win victory over the U.S. aggressors. "Your struggle is that of all the peoples who are fighting against the imperialists' will of domination," the letter said.

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On July 5, Norodom Phurissara, Foreign Minister of the Kinglom of Cambodia, also sent a letter in reply to the message of congratulations from Nguyen Duy Trinh, D.R.V.N.' Foreign Minister.