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(TEXT) HANOI VNA OCTOBER 26--FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE STATEMENT ISSUED HERE TODAY BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ON THE PRESENT STATE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS RELATING TO THE VIETNAM PROBLEM:

FOLLOWING YEARS OF A GLORIOUS RESISTANCE WAR OF OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE IN BOTH ZONES, THE UNITED STATES HAD TO STOP IN OCTOBER 1968 THE BOMBARDMENTS AGAINST THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND ACCEPT THE HOLDING OF A FOUR-PARTY CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM IN PARIS. THAT SITUATION OPENED UP PROSPECTS FOR RESTORING PEACE IN VIETNAM.

THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION CHOSE, HOWEVER, TO EMBARK ON THE PATH OF "VIETNAMIZATION OF THE WAR", AND NEGOTIATION FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH. AS A RESULT, THE U.S. WAR OF AGGRESSION IN VIETNAM DRAGGED ON, WAS INTENSIFIED AND EXPANDED, AND THE VIETNAM PEACE NEGOTIATION COULD NOT MAKE ANY PROGRESS.

OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS, THE VALIANT AND UNDAUNTED VIETNAMESE PEOPLE HAVE STEPPED UP THEIR JUST STRUGGLE ON THE MILITARY, POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC FRONTS, AND HAVE RECORDED UNPRECEDENTED VICTORIES, ESPECIALLY SINCE SPRING 1972, THUS INFLECTING A VERY IMPORTANT SETBACK ON THE "VIETNAMIZATION" POLICY.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS CONSTANTLY SHOWN ITS SERIOUS ATTITUDE AND GOODWILL IN THE SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE VIETNAM PROBLEM ON A BASIS GUARANTEEING THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S FUNDAMENTAL NATIONAL RIGHTS AND THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION.

IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS HELD PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WITH A VIEW TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE VIETNAM PROBLEM. BUT TILL SEPTEMBER 1972, THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE VIETNAM PROBLEM HAD REMAINED WITHOUT RESULT.

WITH A VIEW TO MAKING THE NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESS, AT THE PRIVATE MEETING ON OCTOBER 8, 1972, THE DRV SIDE TOOK A NEW, EXTREMELY IMPORTANT INITIATIVE: IT PUT FORWARD A DRAFT "AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIETNAM," AND PROPOSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, IMMEDIATELY AGREED UPON AND SIGNED THIS AGREEMENT TO RAPIDLY RESTORE PEACE IN VIETNAM. [IN THAT DRAFT AGREEMENT, THE DRV SIDE PROPOSED A CESSATION OF THE WAR THROUGHOUT VIETNAM, A CEASE-FIRE IN SOUTH VIETNAM, AN END TO ALL U.S. MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM, A TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTH VIETNAM OF TROOPS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THOSE OF THE FOREIGN COUNTRIES ALLIED WITH THE UNITED STATES AND WITH THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, AND THE RETURN OF ALL CAPTURED AND DETAINED PERSONNEL OF THE PARTIES. FROM THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE CEASE-FIRE TO THE INSTALLATION OF THE GOVERNMENT FORMED AFTER FREE AND DEMOCRATIC GENERAL ELECTIONS, THE TWO PRESENT ADMINISTRATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM WILL REMAIN IN EXISTENCE WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE DOMESTIC AND EXTERNAL FUNCTIONS.] THESE TWO ADMINISTRATIONS SHALL IMMEDIATELY HOLD CONSULTATIONS WITH A VIEW TO THE EXERCISE OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION, ACHIEVING NATION CONCORD, ENSURING THE DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, AND FORMING AN ADMINISTRATION OF NATIONAL CONCORD WHICH SHALL HAVE THE TASK OF PROMOTING THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES' IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SIGNED AGREEMENTS AND ORGANIZING GENERAL ELECTIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES SHALL SETTLE TOGETHER THE INTERNAL MATTERS OF SOUTH VIETNAM WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE CEASE-FIRE COMES INTO EFFECT. [THUS THE VIETNAM PROBLEM WILL BE SETTLED IN TWO STAGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OFT-EXPRESSED DESIRE OF THE AMERICAN SIDE: THE FIRST STAGE WILL INCLUDE A CESSATION OF THE WAR IN VIETNAM, A CEASE-FIRE IN SOUTH VIETNAM, A CEASSATION OF THE U.S. MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND AN AGREEMENT ON THE PRINCIPLES FOR THE EXERCISE OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION; IN THE SECOND STAGE, THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES WILL SETTLE TOGETHER THE INTERNAL MATTERS OF SOUTH VIETNAM.] THE DRV SIDE PROPOSED THAT THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND THE UNITED STATES SIGN THIS AGREEMENT BY MID-OCTOBER, 1972.

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