

## CHAPTER VII

### CONCLUSIONS

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40. It is a matter of concern to the Commission that the Joint Commission has not resumed functioning and discharging its responsibilities under the Geneva Agreements. As mentioned in paragraph 10, the practical working arrangements recommended by the Co-Chairmen in their messages dated May 8, 1956, to the Government of the Republic of France and the Parties, have not materialised in respect of the functioning of the Joint Commission, and thus a lacuna has been created in the implementation machinery of the Geneva Agreements in Viet-Nam.

41. Although there was no major incident in the Demilitarized Zone, the Commission is concerned about the maintenance of the status and statute of the Demilitarized Zone. The Commission hopes that in the absence of the Joint Commission which is responsible for enforcing the provisions of Articles 7 and 8 requiring joint action there will be no violation of these Articles in the Demilitarized Zone. As mentioned in paragraph 9 there have been allegations of acts of provocation, which, though minor in themselves, might have set off a major incident. The absence of the Joint Commission and the consequent lack of arrangements for the resumption of its activities and the discharge of its functions, specially in the Demilitarized Zone, hampers the implementation of the Geneva Agreement in this important area. The Commission is making efforts to resolve this difficulty and seeking the co-operation of the two Parties in this regard. Should, however, the efforts of the Commission prove unsuccessful, the Commission will bring the matter to the notice of the Co-Chairmen for such action as they may consider necessary.

The minority view of the Polish Delegation is to add to the above paragraph: "The Commission's efforts in this