

Commission in a more favourable position to carry out its functions, while the Commission continued to supervise and control the execution by the parties of the Agreement throughout Vietnam, to the extent made possible by the cooperation of the French High Command and the Government of the Republic of Vietnam on the one hand and the High Command of the P.A.V.N. on the other.

55. The Commission notes that the views of its members expressed in the Fourth Interim Report are now under consideration by the Co-Chairmen in consultation with the members of the Geneva Conference.

56. From this review of the activities presented in this report, it is clear that until these difficulties are settled, the Commission cannot function as satisfactorily as it should in carrying out its tasks in regard to the Agreement for the cessation of hostilities in Vietnam.

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The review of the four months activities presented in this report, in the view of the majority of the Commission, shows a further deterioration of the situation of the Geneva Agreement particularly in the area of the demarcation line and the cessation of hostilities. The majority asked the Co-Chairmen and the Geneva Powers to resolve these difficulties at an early date.

53. In paragraphs 44 and 45 of the Fourth Interim Report, the Commission, with the Canadian Delegation submitting a minority report, expressed the view that the French High Command to the Republic of Vietnam, which did not subscribe to the Geneva Agreement, had created uncertainties about the sanction for its operations with the prospect of continuing the demarcation line and the cessation of hostilities. The majority asked the Co-Chairmen and the Geneva Powers to resolve these difficulties at an early date.

54. The Canadian Delegation considers that the position set forth in the Canadian Minority Note in the Fourth Interim Report has not substantially changed during the period covered by the present report. Despite certain difficulties in the view of the Canadian Delegation, there have been indications of an increased measure of practical cooperation with the Commission on the part of the authorities of the Republic of Vietnam, which was not a signatory of the Agreement. At the same time the Canadian Delegation reiterates its view that the present arrangement is unsatisfactory under which the Commission must in fact depend more and more on the protection and cooperation of the Government of the Republic of Vietnam, although it can only claim this support through the agency of the French High Command. The Canadian Delegation reaffirms the hope expressed in its minority report that the parties directly concerned would be able to work out a more durable and dependable arrangement which will place the