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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CANADA
TO THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND
RESTORING PEACE IN VIETNAM AND PROTOCOLS THERETO

No. FLA—320

The Secretary of State for External Affairs presents his compliments to the Parties to the Agreement on Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Vietnam, and the Protocols thereto, signed at Paris, January 27, 1973, by the Parties and has the honour to refer to his Notes of January 27 and March 28, 1973.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs has the honour to inform the Parties of the final decision of the Government of Canada to terminate the participation of Canada in the International Commission of Control and Supervision.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs in his Note of March 28, 1973, referred to above, had informed the Parties *inter alia* that Canada would give to the Parties thirty days' notice with effect from May 31, 1973, if it were to decide to terminate its participation in the International Commission of Control and Supervision. The Secretary of State for External Affairs has the honour now to inform the Parties that, if the Parties so wish, Canada is prepared to continue its participation for an additional period beyond June 30, 1973, but not later than July 31, 1973. If at any time prior to July 31, 1973, another country is prepared to replace Canada on the International Commission of Control and Supervision, Canada will terminate its participation at an earlier and mutually convenient date.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs assures the Parties to the Agreement on Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Vietnam that Canada will continue to discharge fully its obligations and to meet its responsibilities as a member of the International Commission of Control and Supervision until July 31, 1973, or until such earlier date as may be mutually agreed.

Whether, by agreement, the definitive Canadian withdrawal takes place before July 31, 1973, or whether it does not take place until that date, in either case there will be a prior period of approximately one week during which Canadian participation in the activities of the International Commission of Control and Supervision will be phased out.

Ottawa, May 31, 1973

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