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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CANADA TO EACH OF THE PARTIES TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada presents his compliments to the Parties to the Act of the International Conference on Viet-Nam, signed at Paris on March 1, 1973, and has the honour to inform them that, on May 31, he sent to the Parties to the Agreement on Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Viet-Nam identical Notes, of which the text is quoted below:

"The Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada presents his compliments to the Parties to the Agreement on Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Viet-Nam, and the Protocols thereto, signed at Paris, January 27 by the Parties and has the honour to refer to his Notes of January 27 and March 28. 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 referred to above, had informed the Parties *inter alia* that Canada would give to the Parties thirty days notice with effect from May 31, 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 to inform the Parties that, if the Parties so wish, Canada is prepared to continue its participation for an additional period beyond June 30 but not later than July 31. If at any time prior to July 31 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 Viet-Nam 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 or until such earlier date as may be mutually agreed.

"Whether, by agreement, the definitive Canadian withdrawal takes place before July 31 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."

The Secretary of State for External Affairs has the honour to inform the Parties to the Act of the International Conference on Viet-Nam that when, in accordance with the provisions of his Note of May 31 quoted above, Canada terminates its participation in the International Commission of Control and Supervision, whether on or before July 31, then Canada, in accordance with the statement made on March 1, 1973 by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, on the occasion of his signing the Act of the International Conference on Viet-Nam, will no longer regard itself as bound by the arrangements