

3. The internal affairs of South Viet Nam must be settled by the people of South Viet Nam themselves, in accordance with the programme of the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation without any foreign interference.

4. The peaceful reunification of Viet Nam is to be settled by the Vietnamese people in both zones, without any foreign interference.

This stand unquestionably enjoys the approval and support of all peace- and justice-loving governments and peoples in the world.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam holds that the above-mentioned stand is the basis for the soundest political settlement of the Viet Nam problem. If this basis is accepted, favourable conditions will be created for the peaceful settlement of the Viet Nam problem and it will be possible to consider the reconvening of an international conference of the type of the 1954 Geneva Conference on Viet Nam.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam declares that any approach contrary to the above stand is irrelevant; any approach leading to a U.N. intervention in the Viet Nam situation is also irrelevant, because such approaches are basically at variance with the 1954 Geneva Agreements on Viet Nam.

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