

CHAPTER I.

ESTABLISHMENT AND MACHINERY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION IN VIET-NAM

INTRODUCTION

During the period under review 42 mobile teams of the Commission were sent out for investigations under Article 37 making a total of 119 since the Commission started its activities.

2. The Commission decided on the 2nd December 1954 to move its headquarters from Hanoi to Saigon during the second year of its activities. The preliminary arrangements made in this connection had, however, to be postponed due to the disturbances of 20th July at Saigon.

CHAPTER II.

CEASE-FIRE, PROVISIONAL MILITARY DEMARCATION LINE AND DEMILITARIZED ZONE.

3. The Commission has established a mobile team at GIO LINH to supervise the provisional demarcation line and the demilitarized zones, the zone of action of the team being five and the sphere of action being 20 kilometers on each side of the demarcation line. Although the responsibility rests with the joint Commission under Article 33, the Commission is keeping in continuous touch with the supervision arrangements of the demarcation line and the demilitarized zones in order to fulfil its responsibilities under Article 36(b) and will adapt its supervisory machinery to the requirements of the situation from time to time.

CHAPTER III.

REGROUPMENT PLAN

4. Withdrawals and transfers in accordance with the regroupment plan effected till 10th April have been described in the three earlier Interim Reports. The complicated arrangements required to deal with withdrawals and transfers without any break in the transfer of responsibilities and without in any way adversely affecting the various public services run either by the State or by private enterprises so as to ensure that there was no destruction or sabotage of any public property and no injury to the life and property of the civil population have also been dealt with in earlier reports. Suggestions made to the two parties in this connection were given in Appendix II of the Second Interim Report.

5. The administration of these suggestions in connection with the last phase of withdrawals and transfers, which dealt with the Central Viet-Nam provisional assembly area and the Haiphong perimeter, involved considerable work for the Commission and its teams. The parties were able to deal with the problems of withdrawal of armed personnel and withdrawal and transfer of civil administration at the Joint Commission