

appended by way of supplement a Minority Statement which it considered essential to convey a balanced account of the situation in Vietnam. The Canadian Statement when read in the context of the February 13 Report as a whole indicated that the situation<sup>in</sup>/Vietnam, as the evidence before the International Commission shows, continues to be marked, on an increasing scale, by hostile Northern intervention in South Vietnam, in response to which South Vietnam and its allies have felt compelled to take retaliatory action.

These basic elements in the situation must be taken into account and brought into sharp focus if the problem of indirect aggression as manifested in South Vietnam under the guise of support for a so-called "war of liberation" is to be clearly understood and dealt with.

The Canadian Government believes that aggression, direct or indirect, cannot be tolerated. It must not only be outlawed by the International community but checked and shown to be unprofitable. At the same time, the Canadian Government recognizes that the continuation of hostilities involves a risk of further escalation and wider involvement.

For this reason, the Canadian Government has repeatedly appealed for the exercise of restraint in the present circumstances of mounting tension and danger. These appeals have been directed to all concerned, and the Canadian Government hopes that all other powers with a special interest in the situation and with special relations with any of the parties directly