

of world conflict and enable it to pursue its development in an atmosphere of peace and stability. To contribute to that goal, Canada also agreed to serve, along with India and Poland, on the International Commission which, under the terms of the agreements, was given the responsibility of supervising the implementation of the undertakings of the signatories.

It was hoped that with the reaching of agreement after more than a year of strenuous negotiations, conditions had been created for the achievement of peace in Laos. This investigation by the International Commission (in which the Polish Delegation declined to participate) makes it clear, however, that North Vietnam has violated most of the important provisions of the 1962 Declaration on the Neutrality of Laos as well as Articles 4 and 6 of its Protocol.

This is the first report of the Laos Commission which establishes that major violations of the 1962 Agreements on Laos have been committed by a signatory power.

In the light of these findings, the Canadian Government is gravely concerned about this course of developments in a country whose neutrality and integrity have been solemnly guaranteed by an international agreement freely entered into by all the parties concerned.