

ARTICLE 14

South Vietnam will pursue a foreign policy of peace and independence. It will be prepared to establish relations with all countries irrespective of their political and social systems on the basis of mutual respect for independence and sovereignty and accept economic and technical aid from any country with no political conditions attached. The acceptance of military aid by South Vietnam in the future shall come under the authority of the government set up after the general elections in South Vietnam provided for in Article 9 (b).

CHAPTER V

THE REUNIFICATION OF VIETNAM AND THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM

ARTICLE 15

The reunification of Vietnam shall be carried out step by step through peaceful means on the basis of discussions and agreements between North and South Vietnam, without coercion or annexation by either party, and without foreign interference. The time for reunification will be agreed upon by North and South Vietnam.

Pending reunification:

- (a) The military demarcation line between the two zones at the 17th parallel is only provisional and not a political or territorial boundary, as provided for in paragraph 6 of the Final Declaration of the 1954 Geneva Conference.
- (b) North and South Vietnam shall respect the Demilitarized Zone on either side of the Provisional Military Demarcation Line.
- (c) North and South Vietnam shall promptly start negotiations with a view to reestablishing normal relations in various fields. Among the questions to be negotiated are the modalities of civilian movement across the Provisional Military Demarcation Line.
- (d) North and South Vietnam shall not join any military alliance or military bloc and shall not allow foreign powers to maintain military bases, troops, military advisers, and military personnel on their respective territories, as stipulated in the 1954 Geneva Agreements on Vietnam.

CHAPTER VI

THE JOINT MILITARY COMMISSIONS, THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION, THE
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ARTICLE 16

- (a) The Parties participating in the Paris Conference on Vietnam shall immediately designate representatives to form a Four-Party Joint Military Commission with the task of ensuring joint action by the parties in implementing the following provisions of this Agreement:
 - The first paragraph of Article 2, regarding the enforcement of the cease-fire throughout South Vietnam;
 - Article 3 (a), regarding the cease-fire by U.S. forces and those of the other foreign countries referred to in that Article;