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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CANADA
TO THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND
RESTORING PEACE IN VIETNAM AND PROTOCOLS THERETO

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada presents his compliments to the Parties to the Agreement on Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Viet-Nam, and the Protocols thereto, signed at Paris, January 27, 1973, by the Parties and has the honour to refer to his Note to the Parties of January 27, 1973.

In the Note the Secretary of State for External Affairs informed the Parties that Canada agreed to participate in the International Commission of Control and Supervision and to accept the rights and obligations arising thereby, as described in the provisions of the Agreement and Protocols, for an initial period of sixty days from the signature of the Agreement and Protocols thereto. He further informed them that a formal decision by Canada whether or not to continue to participate beyond the initial period of sixty days would be conveyed to the Parties to the Agreement by Note prior to the expiry of the sixty days.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs now has the honour, in conformity with the foregoing, to inform the Parties that the Government of Canada has decided to continue its participation in the International Commission of Control and Supervision and its acceptance of the rights and obligations arising thereby for a further period to last until May 31, 1973. On or prior to that date Canada, in the light of its continuing experience in the interim, will either give to the Parties thirty days notice with effect from May 31, 1973, of its final decision to terminate its participation in the International Commission of Control and Supervision or it will inform them of its agreement to continue to participate in the International Commission of Control and Supervision as a full member, with such continuing participation then to be subject to the provision in Article 17 of the Protocol concerning the International Commission of Control and Supervision requiring a member of the International Commission to give three months notice to the Parties to the Agreement of its intention to withdraw. In either case however, Canada reserves the right to decide to withdraw immediately should there be a serious deterioration in the situation.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs has the further honour to inform the Parties that even if Canada has terminated its participation in the International Commission of Control and Supervision, nevertheless, if requested by the Parties it would be prepared to participate in supervising general elections in South Viet-Nam called in accordance with the terms of the Agreement and Protocols.

Ottawa, March 28, 1973.

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