

INTRODUCTION

The International Commission for Supervision and Control in Viet-Nam has so far submitted three Interim Reports covering its activities from 11th August 1954 to 10th April 1955.

2. This is the Fourth Interim Report of the Commission containing a summary of its activities from 11th April, 1955 to 10th August, 1955 and a review of the progress made by the two parties in the implementation of the Agreement and should be read along with the relevant chapters of the three earlier Interim Reports.

3. Advantage has been taken in this review to present as complete a picture as possible of the performance of the two parties under various Articles of the Agreement. The period under review goes beyond the 300 day period mentioned in Article 15 for the disengagement of combatants and withdrawals and transfers of military forces, equipment and supplies in the two regrouping zones on either side of the provisional military demarcation line. The review also deals with the political and administrative measures under Article 14 taken in connection with the completion of the regrouping arrangements within the 300 day period.

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 Hai Phong 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