

DECLARATION MADE BY COLONEL SINGKAPO ON 4TH
NOVEMBER, 1954, AT THE MEETING OF THE INTER-
NATIONAL COMMISSION WITH THE JOINT COMMISSION
AT VIENTIANE.

Mr. Chairman, Messrs Ambassadors and Members of the International Commission, Messrs Representatives of the forces of the French Union and of the Laotian National Army. On 28th October in a place within the regroupment area of the fighting units of "Pathet Lao", Prince Souphannou Vong made the following declaration:-

" I solemnly declare that the forces of "Pathet Lao" are ready to co-operate with the Royal Government in order to implement the Geneva Agreement, consolidate peace and unify the Kingdom of Laos."

As representative of the "Pathet Lao" at the Joint Armistice Commission for LAOS, I declare that the "Pathet Lao" forces recognise the Royal Government and that in principle the administration of "Pathet Lao" in the two provinces of Sam Neua and Phong Saly is classified under the Supreme Authority of the Royal Government. More than ever the declaration of 28th October by Prince Souphannou Vong and the declaration that I have just made at this meeting give sufficient proof of our goodwill for peace and of our sincere spirit of co-operation with the Royal Government in order to implement the Geneva Agreement, consolidate peace and unify the Kingdom of LAOS. This goodwill towards peace and this sincere spirit for co-operation on the part of the "Pathet Lao" is the most essential element to create conditions favourable to the negotiations to take place in future between the two princes, Souvanna Phouma and Souphannou Vong and Khang Khay, negotiations which should give happy prospects of a political settlement for consolidating peace and unifying the Kingdom of LAOS.

(Translation from original French)