

PROGRESS REPORT 36. Action required to be taken under the various Articles of the Agreement and the progress so far are indicated in the statement (Appendix I) attached to this Report.

CHAPTER II.

CEASE-FIRE, PROVISIONAL MILITARY DEMARCATION LINE AND DEMILITARISED ZONE.

CEASE-FIRE 37. The structure of the "Arrangement on the Cessation of Hostilities in Viet-Nam" is based upon the cease-fire throughout the country and upon the regroupment of Forces on the two sides of the provisional demarcation line.

38. Articles 10 and 11 of the Agreement provide for specific dates and times at which cease-fire shall be effected. As Article 44 of the Agreement provides for the setting up of an International Commission at the time of the Cessation of Hostilities, the International Commission was not required and was not able to supervise the operations of cease-fire.

39. Since the cease-fire became effective, the Commission has received no reports of renewal of hostilities in any part of Viet-Nam. A number of incidents have been reported, in particular, in Central Viet-Nam; evidence available to the Commission would indicate that these incidents are not violations of Articles 10 and 11. They are clashes which took place between the Armed Forces of one side and local population. These incidents have been dealt with by the Commission and are described in Chapter VII of this Report.

PROV- 40. In accordance with Chapter I of the Agreement
ISIONAL on the Cessation of Hostilities in Viet-Nam, a pro-
MILITARY visional military demarcation line has been fixed as
DEMARCA- indicated in the map attached. A demilitarised zone
ATION of a width of 5 kilometers on either side has been
LINE created as a buffer zone to avoid any incidents which
AND DEM- might result in the resumption of hostilities.

ILITAR- 41. Neither of the parties has so far reported
ISED to the Commission any violations of the Agreement so
ZONE far as Chapter I is concerned.

42. It has been provided under Article 36(b) that one of the main responsibilities of the Commission is to supervise the demarcation lines between the regroupment areas and also the demilitarized zone. As in the initial stages the Commission's mobile teams have been engaged in enquiries and investigations which demanded immediate attention, it has not been possible for the Commission so far to establish any mobile teams in the demilitarized zone or near the demarcation line. The Commission, however, has two Fixed Teams on either side of the demarcation line and in proximity to the demilitarized zone. They are DONG HOI in the North and TOURANE in the South. The Commission is now considering, in consultation with the two parties, the question of installing further inspection teams, if necessary, for carrying out the Commission's responsibilities under Article 36(b).