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only one recognised in Geneva. Presence of the fighting units of "Pathet Lao" in the Royal administration, as the Royal Government of Laos took upon itself in its unilateral declaration made during the signature of the Agreement.

The Franco-Laotian Delegation would have liked to study these proposals during meetings of the Joint Commission in order that these proposals be the subject of a decision at the military level.

Unfortunately the Delegation of the adverse Party formally refuses to accept these proposals, being unable to accept either the setting up of the administrative authorities of the Royal Government of Laos in these two provinces, or their division as long as no political agreement has been entered into by the "Pathet Lao" and the Royal Government.

(Translation from original French)

As representative of the 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 Souphannon 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 Souphannon Vong and King Kaysi. Negotiations which should give happy prospects of a political settlement for consolidating peace and unifying the Kingdom of LAOS.

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