

Canadian Delegation notes that the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam has in the past voluntarily accorded such facilities to the Commission, although it is not a signatory to the Agreement on the Cessation of Hostilities of 1954, has undertaken no juridical commitments under this Agreement and has in fact protested against the conditions of the Armistice in a declaration by the State of Viet-Nam of July 21, 1954. The Canadian Delegation does not consider the references made in the joint statement to articles of the Agreement to be appropriate or relevant or the charges made to be valid.

The Canadian Delegation has always been, remains and will continue to remain ready to carry out the terms of the mandate accorded to it by the Geneva Conference of 1954. The Government of Canada is, moreover, prepared to consider seriously any revised or new mandate which the Conference may in future accord to the ICSC in Viet-Nam, if that mandate is designed to restore peace and stability to Viet-Nam and promises to be effective in its purpose.