

The Cambodian Declaration

(Cambodian comments in final declaration)

The Royal Government of Cambodia published the following Declaration:

(Reference: Article 3 of the Final Declaration.)

"The Royal Government of Cambodia,

In the desire to ensure harmony and agreement among the peoples of the Kingdom,

Declares itself resolved to take the necessary measures to integrate all citizens, without discrimination, into the national community and to guarantee them the enjoyment of the rights and freedoms for which the Constitution of the Kingdom provides;

Affirms that all Cambodian citizens may freely participate as electors or candidates in general elections by secret ballot."

(Reference: Articles 4 and 5 of the Final Declaration.)

"The Royal Government of Cambodia is resolved never to participate in a policy of aggression and will never permit the territory of Cambodia to be used for the furtherance of such a policy.

"The Royal Government of Cambodia will not join in any agreement with other States, if this agreement carries for Cambodia the obligation to enter into a military alliance not in conformity with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations or with the principles of the agreements on the cessation of hostilities, or as long as its security is not threatened, the obligation to establish bases on Cambodian territory for the military forces of foreign powers.

"The Royal Government of Cambodia is resolved to settle its international differences by peaceful means, so that international peace and security as well as justice shall not be endangered.

"During the period which will elapse between the date of the cessation of hostilities in Viet-Nam and that of the final settlement of political problems in this country, the Royal Government of Cambodia will not solicit foreign aid in war material, personnel or instructors except for the purpose of the effective defence of the territory."

"In the future, we shall continue to seek to achieve unity through free elections, supervised by the United Nations to insure that they are conducted fairly."

With respect to the statement made by the representative of the state of Vietnam, the United States reiterates its traditional position that peoples are entitled to determine their own future and that it will not join in an arrangement which would hinder this. Nothing in its declaration just made is intended to or does indicate any departure from this traditional position.

We share the hope that the agreements will permit Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam to play their part in full independence and sovereignty, in the peaceful community of nations, and will enable the peoples of that area to determine their own future.