

(i) The Government of the Republic of France is not prepared to continue to assume any further direct or special responsibility for the implementation of the Geneva Agreements in Viet-Nam and has terminated on the 15th August, 1956, the status quo requested by the Co-Chairmen.

(ii) The Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam basing itself on the declaration made by President Dien on the 6th April, 1956, is prepared to offer effective cooperation to the Commission but is not prepared to assume responsibility for the implementation of the Geneva Agreements in Viet-Nam.

(iii) The Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam reiterates its position that all the provisions of the Geneva Agreements in Viet-Nam must be fully implemented by the parties and that until the Government of the Republic of France makes arrangements for handing over responsibilities under the Agreements to the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam, it continues to be responsible for the execution of the Agreements as a signatory party. The Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam considers that the proposed new arrangements are incompatible with the Geneva Agreements.

8. In view of the situation revealed in the foregoing paragraphs the Commission is placed in a difficult position. The Commission requests the Co-Chairmen to give urgent consideration to the situation which has arisen in Viet-Nam and which has been set out in this message.