

Special Report of the International Commission
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The International Commission for Supervision and Control in Vietnam presents its compliments to the Co-Chairmen of the Geneva Conference on Indochina, and has the honour to refer to paragraph 2 of their message of May 8, 1956, in which the Co-Chairmen asked the Commission to inform them in case the Commission encountered any difficulties in its activities which could not be resolved on the spot, and simultaneously had urged both the parties in Vietnam to extend to the Commission all possible cooperation and assistance. The International Commission had assured the Co-Chairmen in its message of May 27, 1956, that it would continue to persevere in its efforts to maintain and strengthen peace in Vietnam and affirmed its determination to perform its duties within the framework of the Geneva Agreement.

2. The International Commission has from time to time submitted to the Co-Chairmen interim reports giving a resume of its activities as well as a brief review of progress made by the two parties in the implementation of the provisions of the Agreement. In these reports, apart from other things, the Commission had pointed out its difficulties, particularly with regard to the tendency of the parties to refuse to accept and implement the Commission's recommendations and decisions and their persistence in maintaining their own stand in certain cases. The Co-Chairmen were also informed about the difficulties which the Commission's fixed teams were experiencing with regard to the performance of their mandatory tasks of control and inspection, in terms of their responsibilities under Articles 35 and 36(d) of the Agreement.

3. In its 11th Interim Report, which covered the period from February 1, 1960 to February 28, 1961, the Commission had mentioned that, in spite of certain difficulties and the lurking danger in Vietnam, the active presence of the Commission and its work had helped in preserving peace.