

Message from the Co-Chairmen of the Geneva Conference
on Indochina to the Countries Participating in the
International Conference for the Settlement of the
Laotian Question

The Co-chairmen of the Geneva Conference on Indochina, represented by the Government of the Soviet Union and Great Britain, have examined the situation which has developed in Laos and taken note that at present there exist real conditions for the normalisation of the situation in that country. They have in view that the Governments of Burma, Cambodia, Canada, the Chinese People's Republic, the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, France, India, Laos, the Polish People's Republic, the Republic of Vietnam, Thailand, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom and the United States of America, have expressed agreement to participate in an international conference which would have the character of the Geneva Conference of 1954 with the broader membership proposed by the Head of State of Cambodia, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, for the settlement of the Laotian problem.

The Co-chairmen have addressed to all military authorities, parties and organizations in Laos a call for a cease-fire and for the carrying out by appropriate representatives of negotiations for concluding an agreement on questions connected with the cease-fire and have also sent to the Government of India a message with a request to convene in Delhi the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Laos.

The Co-chairmen express the hope that the Government of Canada will send its delegation to the international conference on the Laotian question, which will be held in Geneva and will begin its work on the 12th May this year. They have in view that the participating countries will be represented at the conference by ministers of foreign affairs.

The Minister for Foreign
Affairs of Great Britain:
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The Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Union of Soviet Socialist
Republics:
A. Gromyko.

Message from the Co-chairmen of the Geneva Conference
on Indochina to the Government of India on Convening
the International Commission for Supervision and Control
in Laos

The Co-chairmen of the Geneva Conference on Indochina, represented by the Governments of the Soviet Union and Great Britain, are following with great concern the situation which has developed in Laos.

They note that real conditions exist for normalising the situation in Laos in accordance with the national interests of the Laotian people on the basis of the Geneva Agreements of 1954. They have in view the understanding already reached that an international conference for settling the Laotian problem is to be called in Geneva on 12th May this year.

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