

"The International Commission has noted that the Parties are interpreting Article 14 in a contradictory way. The International Commission has received certain complaints from both sides regarding violation of Articles 19 and 14 based on such contradictory interpretations. The International Commission is looking into such complaints but in the meantime, without prejudging the rights of the Parties under Article 14 of the Geneva Agreement which will be considered by the International Commission at a later stage, the International Commission calls upon both Parties to send their representatives immediately to meet the Military Committee of the International Commission who, after taking into consideration the information and views given by both Parties and in consultation with them, would inform the International Commission regarding the posts of the Royal Laotian Government located in the two northern provinces bearing in mind the nature of military control, size of the post and consideration of local supply and maintenance. Supply and maintenance of Royal Laotian Government troops from outside will be done under the supervision of the International Commission. The International Commission will consider the proposal of the Military Committee in due course and thereafter make recommendation to both the Parties designating the area in which the troops of the Royal Laotian Government are located in the provinces of Phong Saly and Sam Neua and outside which areas the Fighting Units of 'Pathet Lao' are at present, free to move about. Under Article 19, the Royal Laotian Government troops, therefore, should not extend their areas nor the Fighting Units of 'Pathet Lao' should infringe into the area thus demarcated to the Royal Laotian Government troops.

"The Military Committee, while making its recommendation in this regard, will indicate a zone of about 2 kilometres, depending on the local conditions, around the boundary of the Royal Laotian Government areas from which the armed forces of either side will be excluded in order to prevent any likelihood of violation of Article 19 of the Geneva Agreement.

"The International Commission recommends further that the Royal Laotian Government troops will not, with effect from the date of this recommendation, increase the strength of these posts; similarly, the Fighting Units of 'Pathet Lao' will not add to their present strengths in the provinces of Phong Saly and Sam Neua."