

CHAPTER II

PROVISIONAL MILITARY DEMARCATION LINE AND DEMILITARIZED ZONE

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5. The position with regard to the implementation of the recommendations and final suggestions for the administration of the Demilitarized Zone and the situation regarding the freedom of movement of permit-holders across the Demarcation Line, referred to in paragraph 8 of the Eighth Interim Report, has shown no improvement during the period under report.

6. The Commission's team reported several instances of persons entering the Southern part of the Demilitarized Zone with permits issued by the Chief of the QUANG TRI Province. The Commission once more drew the attention of the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam to the provisions of Article 7 of the Geneva Agreement and pointed out that, in the absence of a decision of the Joint Commission to that effect, the issue of permits by the Chief of the QUANG TRI Province is not appropriate. The Commission considered some of these instances and the comments of the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam. In 13 cases the Commission decided that there was a violation of Article 7 of the Geneva Agreement and in six cases asked the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam to show cause why a finding of violation of Article 7 should not be recorded. The remaining cases reported by the team are under consideration.

The Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam again informed the Commission that, in the absence of the Joint Commission, if no other authority is empowered to issue permits, all relations of the Demilitarized Zone