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Canadian Delegation Statement
at the
Formal Meeting of the
International Commission for
Supervision and Control in Viet-Nam
Saigon, September 28, 1972

The Canadian Delegation to the International Commission for Supervision and Control (ICSC) in Viet-Nam does not consider that statements elaborating upon the resolution passed unanimously by the Commission on this date are necessary. However, as the Polish and Indian delegations have made a joint statement elaborating their view of events, we feel that it is incumbent on the Canadian Delegation also to make a statement correcting certain misconceptions and errors which it believes appear in the foregoing statement.

While voting for the resolution passed, the Canadian Delegation takes strong issue with both the substance and the tone of the joint statement by the Polish and Indian delegations. The Canadian Delegation agrees that the headquarters of the Chairman and the Secretary-General of the Commission should be transferred from Saigon to Hanoi, but considers this transfer to be an internal administrative decision of the Commission within its own competence which does not require a formal resolution of the Commission or a report to or advice from the Co-Chairmen of the Geneva Conference of 1954.