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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CANADA
TO THE PARTIES PARTICIPATING IN THE PARIS CONFERENCE ON
VIETNAM

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada presents his compliments to the Parties participating in the Paris Conference on Vietnam and has the honour to refer to the Agreements on Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Vietnam, and the Protocols thereto, signed at Paris, January 27, 1973, by the Parties.

In accordance with the provisions of Articles 17 of the Protocols to the Agreements on Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Vietnam Concerning the International Commission of Control and Supervision, the Secretary of State for External Affairs has the honour to inform the Parties that Canada agrees to participate in the International Commission of Control and Supervision and to accept the rights and obligations arising thereby, as described in the provisions of the Agreements and of the Protocols. The agreement of Canada to participate in the International Commission of Control and Supervision is for an initial period of sixty days from the signature of the Agreements and the Protocols thereto, notwithstanding the provision in Articles 17 of the Protocols Concerning the International Commission of Control and Supervision requiring a member of the International Commission to give three months notice to the Parties to the Agreements of intention to withdraw. The formal decision by Canada whether or not to continue to participate beyond the initial period of sixty days will be conveyed to the Parties to the Agreements by Note prior to the expiry of sixty days.

The decision of Canada concerning participation in the International Commission beyond initial participation of sixty days will be dependent on the extent to which the conditions for full acceptance of membership by Canada, as previously communicated to the Parties to the Agreements, are fulfilled during the period of initial participation.

MITCHELL SHARP

Ottawa, January 27, 1973.