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Message from the Co-Chairmen of the Geneva Conference on Indochina on the Cease-Fire 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 proceed from the fact that if this situation is not changed the position in Laos may become a serious threat to peace and security in Southeast Asia. They note at the same time 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. The Co-chairmen have in view the understanding already reached that an international conference to settle the Laotian problem is to be called in Geneva on the 12th May this year.

The Co-chairmen call on all military authorities, parties and organizations in Laos to cease fire before the convening of the international conference on Laos and they call on appropriate representatives to enter into negotiations for concluding an agreement on questions connected with the cease-fire.

The Co-chairmen call on the people of Laos to co-operate with the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Laos and to render it assistance when it arrives in the country on their instructions in exercising supervision and control over the cease-fire.

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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.

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The Co-chairmen propose to the Government of India that it should convene in Delhi the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Laos. They have in view that the Commission will discuss the question of the tasks and functions which should be allotted to it after the cease-fire in Laos and will present an appropriate report to the Co-chairmen, who will consider the Commission's report and give it directions on going to Laos to carry out the work of controlling the cease-fire.

The Co-chairmen in their message on the cease-fire in Laos called upon the population of Laos to co-operate with the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Laos when it arrives in the country on their instructions and to render it assistance in exercising supervision and control over the cease-fire.

The Co-chairmen are sending a copy of this message to the other two members of the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Laos -- the Governments of the Polish People's Republic and of Canada.

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