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ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Letter dated 30 September 1975 from the Permanent Observers of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam and the Republic of South Viet-Nam to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

We have the honour to request you to bring to the notice of the General Assembly in plenary meeting and to circulate as an official document of the General Assembly the message annexed to this letter, which concerns General Assembly resolution 3366 (XXX) adopted on 19 September 1975.

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ANNEX

Message to the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General
and delegations to the thirtieth session of the General Assembly

On behalf of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet-Nam and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam, we wish to express once again our deep gratitude to the States Members of the United Nations which voted, by a very large majority, for resolution 3366 (XXX) requesting the Security Council "to reconsider immediately and favourably" the applications of the Republic of South Viet-Nam and the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam for admission to the United Nations. The vote on this resolution, which is a victory for the Viet-Nameese people and for all the forces of progress, proves that the General Assembly considers the Republic of South Viet-Nam and the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam worthy of full membership in the United Nations and wants the Viet-Nameese people to contribute actively within this world community to the defence of peace and security throughout the world, the cause of national independence and the development of friendly and co-operative relations among nations.

However, in defiance of the will of the General Assembly, at a Security Council meeting on 30 September 1975, when 14 members of the Council were in favour of the admission of the Republic of South Viet-Nam and the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam, the United States once more opposed it. The pretext given was again the rejection of the application of South Korea. But everyone knows that this is a transparent and completely absurd pretext even though it is masked by fine words about universality or representativeness.

Clearly this is an arrogant act which violates all legal and moral norms and seriously threatens the Charter of the United Nations.

In fact, the United States is deliberately pursuing its policy of hostility towards the Viet-Nameese people because of the miserable failure of its policy of neo-colonialist aggression in Viet-Nam and its obstinate desire to prevent Viet-Nam from taking its legitimate place and making its just voice heard within the United Nations.

We have stated on many occasions that despite the war of aggression waged on the soil of our country for decades by the United States, despite the incalculable sorrow, suffering and destruction which that war brought upon our people, the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet-Nam and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam are ready, now that the war has ended and peace has been restored, to establish normal relations with the Government of the United States on the basis of the Paris Agreement. However, the United States has answered our show of goodwill with a fourfold veto of the admission of the Republic of South Viet-Nam and the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam, in the same way as it is maintaining the embargo against Viet-Nam and continuing to prevent organizations in the United States from sending humanitarian aid to the

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Viet-Nameese people. This policy of hostility is the sole cause for the deadlock on other problems outstanding between the United States and Viet-Nam even though their solution is possible now that peace has returned. How could such a policy be accepted by men and women of conscience? Indeed, many voices were raised at the plenary meeting of 19 September 1975 and during the current general debate in the General Assembly, as well as in the Security Council, calling upon the Government of the United States to adopt a more reasonable and realistic attitude.

The United States is obstinately holding to its misguided and reactionary policy. But we are living in an age in which the will of peoples asserts itself more than ever and ultimately always compels recognition. After the second veto opposing the admission of the Republic of South Viet-Nam and the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam, we are convinced that many voices will be raised to denounce this arrogant policy, which is harmful to the cause of peace and international co-operation, and to demand that the United States should finally abide by the Charter of the United Nations and the will of almost all States Members of the United Nations clearly expressed in General Assembly resolution 3366 (XXX).

The Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet-Nam and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam will continue, as in the past, to work with all the forces of progress throughout the world in their struggle for the maintenance of peace and security, the independence and freedom of peoples and the development of friendly and co-operative relations among nations.

We have the honour to renew to the President, Secretary-General and delegates our sincere thanks and the assurances of our highest consideration.

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