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[Statement of the Khmer Republic Information Ministry--read by announcer]

[Text] In an official communique issued on 2 February, the Hanoi Government asserted that all problems with regard to Cambodia should be settled in accordance with the five-point proclamation made on 23 March 1970 by Sihanouk at the time he rallied to the camp of the aggressors against the Cambodian people. Furthermore, the communique announced by the Hanoi authorities was in line with the joint declaration of the so-called summit conference of the Indochinese peoples held in April 1970 in Communist China.

The Information Ministry of the Government of the Khmer Republic denounces this inadmissible position of the North Vietnamese Government and stresses in this connection that such a position runs entirely counter to the provision contained in chapter 20 of the accord on ending the Vietnam war, signed recently in Paris on 27 January. Regarding Cambodia and Laos, this provision is explicitly in accordance with the 1954 Geneva agreements. Therefore, by adhering to a statement issued by an individual representing nobody but himself and by referring to a conference that represented nothing definite and that had no value under international law, the North Vietnamese leadership has already begun to violate the provisions of the accord it has just signed. The Information Ministry therefore draws the attention of friendly countries and international opinion to the alarming persistence of the expansionist policy of North Vietnam, as shown by the lack of concern of North Vietnamese leaders regarding problems concerning the Khmer Republic, as called for in the provisions of the accord they signed on 27 January 1973.

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