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[Commentary: "A brilliant manifestation of the friendly solidarity between Vietnam and Cambodia"]

[Text] On 25 September 1969, the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam and the Cambodian Royal Government signed a trade and payments agreement. This is an event of great importance, bringing extreme joy and encouragement to the South Vietnamese people in particular, and the Vietnamese people in general, and to the Cambodian people, because this agreement is completely consistent with both countries' vital interests while expressing the age-old friendly solidarity between the two people which has been constantly developed and consolidated.

At the signing ceremony, Cambodian Commerce Minister Prom Thos pointed out: "This agreement is another evidence of our two peoples' mutual confidence and support with regard to their common interests. We firmly believe that the Cambodian Kingdom and the Republic of South Vietnam will always stand side by side and continue to strengthen our brotherly friendship relations." Thus far, with regard to the Vietnamese people's anti-U.S. national salvation resistance, along with broad sections of world public opinion, the Cambodian Royal Government and fraternal people under the clear-sighted leadership of Samdech Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk have always clearly shown a deep understanding and a wholehearted aid.

Cambodia has repeatedly and bravely made energetic condemnations of the U.S. imperialists' aggressive policy and criminal acts against Vietnam. It has also repeatedly affirmed its unswerving position of resolutely and thoroughly supporting the Vietnamese people's just struggle. Immediately after the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam was set up, Cambodia was among the countries which enthusiastically greeted and officially recognized it the earliest, and decided to promptly raise diplomatic relations between the two countries to ambassadorial level.

Less than a month afterward, at the invitation of Samdech Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk and the Cambodian Royal Government, a delegation of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, headed by President Huynh Tan Phat, paid a friendly visit to Cambodia and was very warmly welcomed.

When President Ho, the Vietnamese people's most respected great leader passed away, Samdech Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk personally led a national delegation of the Cambodian Kingdom to Hanoi to attend his funeral. At the cordial meeting with Lawyer Nguyen Huu Tho, chairman of the Advisory Council of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, Samdech Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk pointed out that the brotherly friendship between Cambodia and Vietnam has been built on the basis of the two people's common struggle against the U.S. imperialists to defend their independence and freedom.

Before leaving Hanoi for home on 10 September, Samdech Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk solemnly stated: "I wish to reaffirm here Cambodia's thorough support for Vietnam's just position to restore peace. I would like to specify that this support is for the DRV's four points saying that the U.S. Government must withdraw troops, military personnel, and weapons of all sorts from South Vietnam and dismantle the military bases which the Americans have set up in South Vietnam, letting the South Vietnamese

settle by themselves their own affairs without foreign interference and that the peaceful reunification of Vietnam will be decided by peoples in both zones without foreign interference."

This statement represents total support for the main principles and content of the overall solution put forward by the NFLSV and the Republic of South Vietnam's Provisional Revolutionary Government. We believe that these principles are the only ones that can create a basis for reaching an agreement to end the war in South Vietnam.

The South Vietnamese people and the Republic of South Vietnam's Provisional Revolutionary Government highly evaluate the valuable support of Cambodia, their very close neighbor, and of the peace- and justice-loving people the world over. As the NFLSV Central Committee Presidium pointed out in its political report: "The South Vietnamese people are deeply aware that their anti-U.S. national salvation resistance is an integral part of the revolutionary undertaking of the world's peoples." Each of our victories has positively contributed to the common success of the national liberation movement in the world.

At the same time, each of our victories has been inseparable from the valuable support and assistance of socialist countries and from the sympathy and support of the Government of the Cambodian Kingdom and the Khmer people, of the Laotian people and the Patriotic Lao Front, of nationalist countries, of the Afro-Asian-Latin American countries, and of all peace and democratic forces all over the world, including U.S. progressives.

As for the Republic of South Vietnam Provisional Revolutionary Government, it has specified in its action program that it will establish friendly relations with and implement a policy of good neighborhood toward the Cambodian Kingdom on the basis of respecting Cambodia's independence, sovereignty, and neutrality and will recognize and pledge to respect the Cambodian Kingdom's territorial integrity on the basis of respecting Cambodia's independence, sovereignty, and neutrality.

Obviously, the trade and payments treaty signed between the Republic of South Vietnam Provisional Revolutionary Government and the Government of the Cambodian Kingdom, is a brilliant victory of the friendly relationship which both sides have devoted much effort to improving, and, simultaneously, is a bitter defeat for the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys who have resorted to all means to sow discord and enmity between the two Vietnamese and Cambodian peoples.

The new treaty will contribute to consolidating the present and future cooperation between South Vietnam and Cambodia for the benefit of the protection of the fundamental national rights and the national construction of both sides.

During these victorious autumn days, we warmly welcome the trade and payments treaty recently signed between the Republic of South Vietnam Provisional Revolutionary Government and the government of the Cambodian Kingdom. We warmly greet this new step in the good development of the relationship between the Republic of South Vietnam Provisional Revolutionary Government, the South Vietnamese people and the Government of the Cambodian Kingdom, the fraternal Khmer people. May the solidarity and friendship between Vietnam and Cambodia last forever.