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LETTER TO PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN

ON THE OCCASION OF TRIP TO VIETNAM

President Joe Biden

President of the United States of America

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW

Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden

We learned that you will visit Vietnam on September 10, 2023, at the invitation of the Vietnamese Communist government.

On this occasion, The United Council of Vietnamese in the Homeland and Overseas, an organization that includes members of the religious community, organizations, civil society and all classes of Vietnamese people in the country as well as abroad, would like to convey to you the following observations and suggestions:

Whereas:

The current State of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, formerly the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, was established and comprehensively controlled by the Communist Party of Vietnam.

The Communist Party of Vietnam violated the 1954 Geneva accords and caused a catastrophic war in South Vietnam; The Communist Party of Vietnam violated the 1973 Paris Agreement forcibly occupied South Vietnam, ruling the entire Vietnam since April 30, 1975. During this war, over 58,000 American soldiers died to protect the freedom of South Vietnam, but unfortunately, Vietnam finally completely lost its freedom.

The State of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, which was not elected by the Vietnamese people in a free democratic election, is currently implementing an totalitarian dictatorship, depriving the people's fundamental freedoms such as freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of association, freedom to own land and houses, repressing and imprisoning peaceful dissidents, etc. Currently, there are

hundreds of prisoners of political and religion. Social media networks are tightly controlled.

The State of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam has been dependent on the communist China that violated international law (UNCLOS), illegally occupied islands on the East Sea (South China Sea), causing instability in the Asia-Pacific region and worldwide.

Therefore we respectfully recommend:

The diplomatic relations with Vietnam are now very necessary but there are conditions before implementing any agreement with Vietnamese Communist Government

- Help Vietnamese people to improve their lives, develop the better economy, enjoy basic freedoms such as freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, especially freedom to vote to elect an administrator to run the country.

- Pressure the Vietnamese Communist government to stop the suppression and to return the religious facilities of the Independent and Traditional Religious organizations; to release all political and religious prisoners.

- Help the Vietnamese people to preserve their territorial waters and islands against the Chinese invasion and expansion.

- Support the quest of the Vietnamese people to have freedom, democracy, human rights, equality and prosperity .

Best regards,

Done in Vietnam and Overseas on August 28, 2023

On Behalf of The United Council for Vietnamese in Homeland and Overseas

- Venerable Thich Khong Tanh, Co-Chairman, representative in Vietnam
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