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DECLARATION **ON THE SITUATION IN VIETNAM AFTER 50 YEARS UNDER COMMUNIST RULE**

To:

- The International Community
- All Vietnamese Compatriots, at Home and Abroad

April 30, 1975, marks the day when the communist regime from the North violated the 1973 Paris Peace Accords by invading and unlawfully occupying the Republic of Vietnam—a sovereign nation recognized by most of the international community, except the communist bloc.

Fifty years since that event, Vietnam under the rule of the Communist Party has plunged into one of the darkest periods in the nation's history: human rights have been grossly violated, freedom has been suffocated, human dignity has been degraded, national sovereignty has been lost, and economic and social crises have become widespread. The situation is summarized as follows:

1. Grave Violations of Human Rights

Thousands of patriots, activists, bloggers, and independent journalists have been arrested and imprisoned for daring to voice opposition. Fundamental rights such as freedom of speech, press, and assembly are completely suppressed.

2. Suppression of Religious Freedom

Under Marxist-Leninist atheistic ideology, the communist regime not only dismantled authentic, traditional religious institutions, but also established state-controlled religious organizations to manipulate and control independent faith communities.

3. Monopoly on Information and Distortion of Truth

All media outlets are state-owned. Information is strictly censored and used solely for Communist Party propaganda, leaving the population in darkness and fear.

4. Establishment of a One-Party Totalitarian Regime

There is no real democracy or political freedom. All power is concentrated in the hands of the Communist Party. Elections are merely symbolic, undemocratic shows. The judiciary is under Party control.

5. Destruction of the Environment and Society

Irresponsible development policies have caused severe pollution and the depletion of natural resources. Citizens suffer from inflation, unemployment, and skyrocketing living costs, while their rights and well-being are disregarded.

6. Rampant Corruption and Appropriation of National Assets by the Party

Major corruption cases are only the tip of the iceberg. National assets, public funds, and foreign investments have been seized by interest groups closely linked to the Party, enriching a select minority.

7. Loss of Sovereignty and Subservience to China

The Vietnamese Communist Party is increasingly dependent on Beijing in political, economic, and defense matters.

- Vietnam's seas and islands have been invaded, yet the government remains silent.
- Secret agreements and concessions have effectively reduced Vietnam to a “vassal state.”
- Strategic sectors of the economy are under Chinese control.

8. Fifty Years of Regression and Prolonged National Tragedy

While countries such as Japan, South Korea, and Singapore have risen to become democratic and prosperous, Vietnam remains mired in dictatorship, division, hatred, and ongoing crisis. Millions have been subjected to revenge, imprisonment, internment, forced exile, displacement, and deprivation of basic rights. Culture, society, and education have been severely degraded by Marxist indoctrination and the dictatorship of atheism.

FACED WITH THESE TRAGEDIES, WE EARNESTLY CALL:

- ♦ On the international community and human rights organizations to raise stronger voices and demand that the Hanoi regime cease its repression and restore the right to life, human dignity, and religious freedom to the people of Vietnam.
- ♦ On all Vietnamese compatriots inside and outside the country to unite, act courageously and resolutely to dismantle the dictatorship and build a nation of freedom, democracy, and human rights—without communism.

Only when Vietnam establishes a new system—one in which all citizens are respected, religious freedom is upheld, and democracy is realized—can the nation truly be rescued and flourish.

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