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[Text] Stockholm, January 27, 1975 (HSINHUA)--The Swedish Committee for Vietnam marked the second anniversary of the Paris agreement on Vietnam at a meeting here this afternoon.

Swedish Foreign Minister Sven Andersson attended the meeting. In his speech, he denounced the Saigon authorities for sabotaging the Paris agreement. He also criticized the U.S. Government's plan for increasing military aid to the authorities. He said that war is still raging in South Vietnam, for which the Saigon clique and its supporters must be held responsible. The principle at issue in the Vietnam conflict is whether small countries have rights. Also at issue is whether countries have the right to decide their own political and economic system.

Addressing the meeting were also Birgitta Dahl, chairman of the Swedish Committee for Vietnam and parliamentary member of the Social Democratic Labour Party, Tran Hieu Kha, head of general delegation of the Republic of South Vietnam in Sweden, and Nguyen Viet, ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in Sweden.

Chinese Ambassador to Sweden Chin Li-chew was also present on invitation.

In the evening, the Stockholm branch of the United NNL-Groups of Sweden and other groups organized a torch demonstration in support of the just struggle of the Indo-Chinese peoples.

It was reported that Swedish Foreign Minister Sven Andersson announced on January 16 that Sweden had formally broken off "diplomatic relations" with the Saigon authorities.