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[Text] Hanoi VNA September 14--At the 159th plenary session of the Paris conference on Vietnam today, Minister Nguyen Thi Binh, head of the PRGRSV delegation, said: At this conference the U.S. side has objected to our correct and constructive proposals, while sticking to their absurd demands aimed at forcing the South Vietnamese people to accept the Nguyen Van Thieu puppet administration fostered and directed by the U.S. to serve its war of aggression and neocolonialist policy in South Vietnam.

With its "four no's policy", she added, the Nguyen Van Thieu puppet administration has been opposing all urgent aspirations of the South Vietnamese people for peace, independence, neutrality, democracy and national concord. It has not hesitated to take every fascist measure to terrorize and oppress the patriots and opposition elements and everyone not playing ball with it and therefore, is opposed by all strata of the people, and becomes more and more isolated. Obviously, the existence of that puppet administration depends on the troops, dollars, bombs, aircraft and warships of the U.S.

Meanwhile, the PRGRSV, which represents the legitimate aspirations of the various strata of the South Vietnamese people, is leading the national salvation resistance from one victory to another.

The PRGRSV, which symbolizes the strength of an entire nation fighting for the independence and freedom of the fatherland, and also for contributing to the struggle of all nations against old and new colonialism and for world peace, has been recognized as the genuine representative of the South Vietnamese people by the Vietnamese people in both parts of the country, the socialist countries, large numbers of nonaligned countries, many peace and justice-upholding governments and the peoples of various countries. All schemes of the U.S. to intensify the war, maintain the Nguyen Van Thieu puppet administration and negate the role of the PRGRSV will certainly fail. The South Vietnamese people's right to self-determination requires that the U.S. Government must stop its war of aggression and all its involvement in South Vietnam, discontinue its support for the Nguyen Van Thieu clique, that Nguyen Van Thieu must resign, the Saigon administration must give up its policy of oppression and terror against the people, and agree to the formation of a three-segment government of national concord in South Vietnam.

Minister Nguyen Thi Binh continues: On September 11, the PRGRSV issued an important statement on the ending of the U.S. war of aggression and the restoration of peace in Vietnam. The statement pointed out:

"If a correct solution is to be found to the Vietnam problem, and lasting peace ensured in Vietnam, the U.S. Government must meet the two following requirements:

"1--To respect the Vietnamese people's right to true independence and the South Vietnamese people's right to effective self-determination stop the U.S. war of aggression in Vietnam, the bombing, mining and blockade of the DRV; completely cease the 'Vietnamization' policy; end all U.S. military activities in South Vietnam; rapidly and completely withdraw all U.S. troops, advisors, military personnel, weapons and war materials and those of the other foreign countries in the U.S. camp from South Vietnam; liquidate the U.S. military bases in South Vietnam; end all U.S. military involvement in Vietnam, stop supporting the Nguyen Van Thieu stooge administration.

"2--A solution to the internal problem of South Vietnam must proceed from the actual situation that there exist in South Vietnam two administrations, two armies and other political forces. It is necessary to achieve national concord, the sides in South Vietnam must unite on the basis of equality, mutual respect and mutual non-elimination. Democratic freedoms must be guaranteed to the people: To this end, it is necessary to form in South Vietnam a provisional government of national concord with three equal segments to take charge of the affairs in the period of transition and to organize truly free and democratic general elections."

Minister Nguyen Thi Binh pointed out: If the U.S. Government positively responds to the two requirements made in the aforesaid statements, peace can be restored at an early date in the interest of both the Vietnamese and American peoples as well as of world peace. On the contrary, if the U.S. continues its "Vietnamization" policy, continues prolonging and escalating the war there is no way for the Vietnamese people but to continue to fight shoulder to shoulder with the fraternal Lao and Cambodian peoples until they have recovered their sacred rights.

Speaking on behalf of the DRV Government delegation, Nguyen Minh Vy denounced the Nixon administration for continuing its war escalation, committing more crimes against the people in both zones of Vietnam and conducting repeated bombings against Hanoi capital and the dikes system in the DRV.

He pointed out: Realities in Vietnam, particularly in the last few months, have shown that in spite of all barbarous acts of war intensification by the U.S. aggression has repeatedly recorded new victories in both zones [as received]. The prestige of the PRGRSV has risen higher than ever before at home and abroad, the Vietnamese people's just cause has enjoyed ever stronger support from the world people including the progressive people in the United States, and the logical and reasonable proposals of the PRGRSV have enjoyed vigorous support and sympathy from the various countries.

Nguyen Minh Vy declared that the DRV Government delegation fully approved and supported the two requirements to the U.S. made in the September 11 statement of the PRGRSV on the basis of the seven points, the two key points of which have been elaborated, and the current realities. This statement has offered a correct and just solution to the Vietnam question guaranteeing a lasting peace in Vietnam.

He concluded: Peace could be promptly reestablished, the U.S. could withdraw immediately from Vietnam in an honorable way and the captured U.S. militarymen could soon return to their families, should the Nixon administration make a definite choice between war and peace, give up its war of aggression and neocolonialism, enter into serious negotiation and positively respond to the two requirements of the PRGRSV, which are correct as well as logical and reasonable. By choosing the course of continuing war intensification in North and South Vietnam and clinging to the stand of colonialist aggression in negotiations, the U.S. can never subdue the Vietnamese people but will only continue to deadlock the Paris conference. Then, the U.S. must bear responsibility for the prolongation of the war, and for the heaviest losses caused to the United States and the American people.

The U.S. side, however, kept clinging to its colonialist and aggressive stand, and reacted negatively to the correct, reasonable and sensible proposals contained in the PRGRSV's September 11 statement.

The 160th session will be held next Thursday, September 21.