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RVN SENATE SESSION REJECTS TRIPARTITE GOVERNMENT PLAN

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[Text] Saigon, Oct 25 (VP)--The Senate at its plenary session Wednesday morning discussed the motion on the national situation submitted by Senator Vu Van Mau and 11 other senators. Senator Mau, rapporteur of the motion, took the floor to voice his opposition to the communist suggestion for the formation of a tripartite government. He particularly termed as "unacceptable" the replacement of the present government by either a coalition or one of concord, and the reelection of some government agencies. According to Senator Mau, the Vietnam issue must be settled on the basis of the principle of self-determination and the fate of Vietnam must be decided by the Vietnamese people themselves through a true election without any external pressure. Rejecting the communist-initiated tripartite plan, Senator Mau said: To accept such a pre-fabricated solution is to place the Vietnamese people before a "fait accompli" and to reject the meaning of the vote.

All senators present at the plenary session agreed not to accept the communist proposal for a tripartite government. Senator Tran Van Qua remarked that it is merely a disguised form of coalition government paving the way for the communists to take over power in South Vietnam. Meanwhile, Senator Huynh Van Cao said: South Vietnamese long for peace but a peace in freedom and not under the communist slavery and coalition to betray the sacrifices of the South Vietnamese people and army. Later, Senator Nguyen Van Ngai set forth a draft proclamation the content of which condemned the communist aggression and rejected the communist proposal for the so-called tripartite government. The endorsement of the said draft proclamation was postponed for further deliberation upon the proposal of Senators Nguyen Duy Tai, Dang Van Sung and Vu Van Mau.

The session was presided over by Senate Chairman Nguyen Van Huyen with nearly 40 senators in attendance.