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INTRODUCTION TO DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE PUBLISHED

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[Text] Hanoi VNA August 16--The declaration of indepence of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam by President Ho Chi Minh has been published for the first time here as a separate document on the occasion of the 30th founding anniversary of the DRV (September 2).

The introduction was written by Premier Pham Van Dong. Full text of the introduction follows:

"On September 2, 1945, President Ho Chi Minh read at Ba Dinh Square (Hanoi) the declaration of independence, solemnly announcing the founding of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam to the people throughout our country and to the world people.

"The declaration of independence begins with the assertion of this fundamental principle: 'All the peoples on the earth are equal from birth, all the peoples have a right to live and to be happy and free.'

"It reviews the process of the revolutionary struggle of the Vietnamese people up to the August revolution (1945), then notes: 'Our people have broken the chains which have fettered them for nearly a century and have won independence for Vietnam at the same time they have overthrown the centuries-(?old regime and) established a democratic republican regime.'

"And finally, the declaration concludes with a very profound and very strong affirmative:

"Vietnam has the right to enjoy freedom and independence and in fact has become a free and independent country. The entire Vietnamese people are determined to mobilize all their physical and mental strength, to sacrifice their lives and property, in order to safeguard their freedom and independence. This year, 30 years after the founding of the DRV, is also the 30th anniversary of the declaration of independence. Our people have just recorded a marvellous exploit, one of the most splendid victories in our national history. We have won the final victory in the anti-U.S. resistance for national salvation which climaxed in the Ho Chi Minh campaign, smashing an enemy army of a million men in only 55 days, completely liberating South Vietnam, and regaining independence for our beloved homeland, in order to build a peaceful, unified, independent, democratic, prosperous and strong Vietnam, thus making a worthy contribution to the world revolution.

"Looking back at the glorious path the Vietnamese people have travelled in their revolutionary struggle for national defence and construction under the leadership of the Vietnam Workers Party, we can see all the more clearly the close relationship between the revolutionary cause of the Vietnamese people and that of the world's people since the Second World War, the immortal words and great ideas of the declaration of independence, the great ideas of the Vietnamese nation and the great thoughts of President Ho Chi Minh crystallized in these words "nothing is more precious than independence and freedom." These are also the great thought of the revolutionary struggle of the world's people.

"The Vietnamese people, who have deeply understood the price they had to pay in their struggle for independence and freedom, are resolved to defend their independence and freedom and at the same time to make an active contribution to the world people's struggle against imperialism and old and new colonialism, for peace and national independence, democracy and socialism throughout the world. This is also the noble objective of the declaration of independence. This struggle still faces many difficulties and complexities but its final victory is inevitable because it reflects the law of development of history and the aspiration and will of all peoples on this planet."