

modus vivendi. But the French colonialists have carried on their unjust war in defiance of the peaceful aspirations of the French people. They have set up the puppet Bao Dai Government and used it as a tool to invade Viet-Nam and deceive the world.

Determined to safeguard their national independence from the French colonialists, the Vietnamese people and army are fighting heroically and are nearing final victory. Throughout these years of resistance, Viet-Nam has won the sympathy and support of the people of the world. The Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam declares to the Governments of the countries of the world that it is the only lawful Government of the entire Vietnamese people. On the basis of common interests, it is ready to establish diplomatic relations with the Governments of all countries which respect the equality, territorial sovereignty, and national independence of Viet-Nam in order to contribute to safeguarding peace and building world democracy.

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DECLARATION OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
VIET-NAM TO THE GOVERNMENTS
OF THE COUNTRIES
ALL OVER THE WORLD*
(January 14, 1950)

After the August, 1945, Revolution had overthrown the domination of the Japanese and French imperialists in Viet-Nam, the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam was established. On September, 1945, the Provisional Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam read its Declaration of Independence to the Vietnamese people and the world. On March 3, 1946, the Vietnamese National Assembly elected the Government of Viet-Nam.

On September 23, 1945, the French colonialists attacked South Viet-Nam. After that, France signed with Viet-Nam on March 6, 1946, the Preliminary Agreement, and on September 14, 1946, the

* After this declaration was issued, the governments of the People's Republic of China, the Soviet Union, and the other People's Democracies successively recognized the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam and established diplomatic relations with it. Since then the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam has officially sided with the socialist camp headed by the Soviet Union. This was a most important political success which created conditions for the other successes of the Vietnamese people's resistance.

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