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The Address of the President of the
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After the revolution of 8 August 1945, when the imperialistic power of the Japanese and French was overthrown, the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam was established, and on 2 September 1945 the provisional government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam announced its declaration about the independence of Viet Nam before its people and before the world. On 3 March 1946 the Viet Nam national Assembly elected a constitutional government. On the 23rd of September 1945 French troops attacked Nambo (South Viet Nam). On the 6th of March 1946 the French signed a preliminary agreement with Viet Nam, and they signed a modus vivendi on the 14th of September 1946. Despite the agreements and the peaceful hopes of the French people the French continued to wage war unabatedly against Viet Nam. They also created the puppet government of Bao Dai for the support of the predatory war and the betrayal of peace. The Viet Nam people and army bravely wages war with the complete resoluteness of defending their homeland from the French colonials.

Each day brings a decisive victory closer.

Last year Viet Nam utilized the sympathy and support of the people of the world.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam triumphantly declares to the governments of the world that it is the only lawful government representing a unified Vietnamese people.

Considering mutual interests the government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam is ready to establish diplomatic relations with any government respecting equality of rights, and the territorial and national sovereignty of Viet Nam, in order to guarantee peace and construct world wide democracy.

14 January 1950 President of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam

Ho Chi Minh