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S.R.V.N. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S NOTE TO CHINA'S
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"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam sends its regards to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China and draws the latter's attention to the following:

Since their unilateral declaration to terminate the second round of the Vietnam - China talks, the Chinese authorities have continuously stepped up their hostile policy toward Vietnam, thus further worsening the relations between the two countries. In particular, since early May 1981, the Chinese authorities have stepped up their armed provocations and land - grabbing operations in the border area, seriously threatening the security and grossly violating the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Vietnam. The Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam resolutely demands that Chinese authorities immediately stop those acts.

Together with their anti-Vietnamese acts, the Chinese authorities have intensified their armed provocations and incursions into Lao territory, supplied weapons to the Khmer reactionaries on Thai territory for the purpose of opposing the Kampuchean people, thus further straining the situation in Indochina, and posing a still bigger threat to peace and security in Southeast Asia.

Faced with such a serious situation caused by the Chinese side and stemming from its desire to restore the long-standing friendship between the Vietnamese and Chinese peoples and in the interests of peace and stability in Asia, the Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam proposes that the two sides:

1- Put an immediate end to the armed conflict and all activities causing tension in the border area between the two countries.

2- Quickly start the 3rd round of the Vietnam - China talks as the Chinese side suggested in its note of March 6, 1980, so as to ensure peace and security in the border area between the two

countries and discuss all questions which concern either side.

With regard to the time of the 3rd round of talks, it should be held as soon as possible, preferably in July 1981. However, if the Chinese side is not yet ready, it can start in August 1981. With regard to the venue of the talks, according to the principle of rotation, it would be held in Hanoi. However, if the Chinese side finds it inconvenient, the Vietnamese Government delegation is ready to go to Beijing for the talks.

We wish to know the views of the Chinese side at an early date''.

Hanoi, June 13, 1981.
