

Document #4—Agreement on Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Vietnam, signed January 27, 1973, in Paris by representatives of the United States, North Vietnam, South Vietnam, and the Vietcong

Chapter I

The Vietnamese People's Fundamental National Rights

Article 1: The United States and all other countries respect the independence, sovereignty, unity, and territorial integrity of Viet-Nam as recognized by the 1954 Geneva Agreements on Vietnam.

Chapter II

Cessation of Hostilities—Withdrawal of Troops

Article 2: A cease-fire shall be observed throughout South Viet-Nam as of 2400 hours G.M.T., on January 27, 1973. At the same hour, the United States will stop all its military activities against the territory of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam [North Vietnam] by ground, air and naval forces....

Article 3: ...As soon as the cease-fire goes into effect:

- (a) The United States forces and those of the other foreign countries allied with the United States and the Republic of Viet-Nam shall remain in-place pending the implementation of the plan of troop withdrawal....
- (b) The armed forces of the two South Vietnamese parties [the Thieu government and the Vietcong] shall remain in-place....
- (c) The regular forces of all services and arms and the irregular forces of the parties in South Viet-Nam shall stop all offensive activities against each other and shall strictly abide by the following stipulations:
 - All acts of force on the ground, in the air, and on the sea shall be prohibited;
 - All hostile acts, terrorism and reprisals by both sides will be banned.

Article 4: The United States will not continue its military involvement or intervene in the internal affairs of South Viet-Nam.

Article 5: Within sixty days of the signing of this Agreement, there will be a total withdrawal from South Viet-Nam of troops, military advisers, and military personnel, including technical military personnel and military personnel associated with the pacification program, armaments, munitions, and war material of the United States and those of the other foreign countries mentioned in Article 3 (a)....

Article 6: The dismantlement of all military bases in South Viet-Nam of the United States and of the other foreign countries mentioned in Article 3 (a) shall be completed within sixty days of the signing of this Agreement.

Article 7: From the enforcement of the cease-fire to the formation of the government provided for in Article 9 (b) and 14 of this Agreement, the two South Vietnamese parties shall not accept the introduction of troops, military advisers, and military personnel including technical military personnel, armaments, munitions, and war material into South Viet-Nam....

Chapter III

The Return of Captured Military Personnel and Foreign Civilians, and Captured and Detained Vietnamese Civilian Personnel

Article 8: (a) The return of captured military personnel and foreign civilians of the parties shall be carried out simultaneously with and completed not later than the same day as the troop withdrawal mentioned in Article 5....

Chapter IV

The Exercise of the South Vietnamese People's Right to Self-Determination

Article 9: The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam [North Vietnam] undertake to respect the following principles for the exercise of the South Vietnamese people's right to self-determination.

- (a) The South Vietnamese people's right to self-determination is sacred, inalienable, and shall be respected by all countries.
- (b) The South Vietnamese people shall decide themselves the political future of South Viet-Nam through genuinely free and democratic general elections under international supervision.
- (c) Foreign countries shall not impose any political tendency or personality on the South Vietnamese people.

Article 10: The two South Vietnamese parties undertake to respect the cease-fire and maintain peace in South Viet-Nam, settle all matters of contention through negotiations, and avoid all armed conflict....

Chapter V

The Reunification of Viet-Nam and the Relationship between North and South Viet-Nam

Article 15: The reunification of Viet-Nam shall be carried out step by step through peaceful means on the basis of discussions and agreements between North and South Viet-Nam, without coercion or annexation by either party, and without foreign interference. The time for reunification will be agreed upon by North and South Viet-Nam.