N.P.C. Standing Committee Resolution

Resolute and Unreserved Support For Viet Nam

- The resolution fully approves and resolutely supports the four-point proposition of the National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam.
- It calls on the people throughout the country to support the Vietnamese people’s struggle in four aspects.
- It hopes that all countries and people that oppose U.S. imperialism and love peace will take emergency action and launch an unprecedentedly powerful mass movement on a worldwide scale to compel the U.S. aggressors to get out of Viet Nam, Indo-China and all other places they occupy.

The Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress of China, at its enlarged sixth session on April 20, adopted a resolution supporting the Appeal of the National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam. Following is a translation of the resolution. Boldface emphases are ours. — Ed.

Having discussed the Appeal to All Parliaments of the World adopted by the Second Session of the Third National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress of the People’s Republic of China warmly responds to the solemn appeal of the National Assembly of the D.R.V.

The Chinese people have always resolutely supported the fraternal Vietnamese people in the joint struggle against U.S. imperialist aggression. Now, in the name of the 650 million Chinese people, the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress solemnly declares that China will continue to do everything in its power to give resolute and unreserved support to the Vietnamese people in their patriotic and just struggle to resist U.S. aggression.

The present grave situation in Viet Nam is entirely the handiwork of U.S. imperialism. The U.S. imperialists have torn the 1954 Geneva agreements on the Viet Nam problem to shreds, launched a frenzied war of aggression against south Viet Nam and engaged in repeated and wanton bombing of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, thus flagrantly escalating the war. U.S. imperialism is the most murderous enemy of the Vietnamese people and all the peace-loving people of the world.

Closely united and imbued with the revolutionary spirit of determination to fight and win, the entire people of Viet Nam are today engaged in a fight of immense historical significance to liberate the south and defend the north, to defeat the U.S. aggressors and achieve complete national reunification.

The Appeal to All the Parliaments of the World adopted by the National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam solemnly reiterated the four-point proposition on the implementation of the Geneva agreements and the solution of the Vietnamese problem, namely:

1) Recognition of the basic national rights of the Vietnamese people which are independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity. In strict conformity with the Geneva agreements, the U.S. Government must withdraw its troops, military personnel and weapons, ammunition and war materials of all kinds from south Viet Nam, dismantle the U.S. military bases there, abolish its military alliance with the south Viet Nam administration and at the same time stop its policy of intervention and aggression in south Viet Nam. The U.S. Government must stop all its acts of war against north Viet Nam and put a definite end to all acts of encroachment upon the territory and sovereignty of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam.

2) Pending the realization of the peaceful reunification of Viet Nam, while Viet Nam is still temporarily divided in two, the military provisions of the 1954 Geneva agreements on Viet Nam must be strictly respected: the two zones must refrain from joining any military alliance with foreign countries, there must be no foreign military bases, troops or military personnel in their respective territory.

3) The affairs of south Viet Nam must be settled by the south Vietnamese people themselves in accordance with the programme of the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation without any foreign intervention.
4) The realization of the peaceful reunification of Viet Nam must be settled by the people in the two zones without foreign intervention.

The Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress of the People's Republic of China holds that this four-point proposition put forward by the National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam is wholly reasonable and that it is the only correct road to the solution of the Vietnamese problem. The Chinese Government and the Chinese people fully approve and firmly support this four-point proposition. We hold that the necessary conditions for a political settlement of the Vietnamese problem can be created only by resolutely putting an end to U.S. imperialism aggression against Viet Nam and forcing the United States to withdraw all its armed forces from Viet Nam. Together with the Vietnamese people, we firmly oppose the U.S. imperialists’ “peaceful negotiations” plot, and firmly oppose all despicable collusion with the U.S. imperialists to betray the fundamental interests of the Vietnamese people.

China is a signatory to the 1954 Geneva agreements. China and Viet Nam are fraternal socialist neighbours, as interdependent as man’s lips and teeth. The Chinese and Vietnamese peoples are close comrades-in-arms, sharing the same destiny. The Chinese Government and people have already solemnly declared that aggression by the U.S. imperialists against the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam means aggression against China. The Chinese people will absolutely not stand idly by without lending a helping hand. In accordance with the requests of the Vietnamese people and with the needs of the joint struggle against U.S. imperialist aggression, the Chinese people have done and will continue to do their utmost to assist the Vietnamese people to defeat the U.S. aggressors completely. The Chinese people have always been infinitely loyal in fulfilling their proletarian internationalist obligations, they have never spared any sacrifice whatever in this respect, and they always mean what they say. Both past and present struggles testify to this.

The aggression which U.S. imperialism is committing against Viet Nam is an important step in its counter-revolutionary global strategy. The Vietnamese people’s heroic resistance to this aggression is an important part of the common struggle of the people of the whole world against U.S. imperialism and in defence of world peace. As President Ho Chi Minh said, “Our country is an outpost of the socialist camp and of the peoples of the world engaged in the struggle against imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism. To us, this is a great honour.” Glory to the valorous Vietnamese people! They are entitled to every assistance from the people of all the countries in the socialist camp, from the revolutionary people throughout the world and from all peace-loving countries and people.

The Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress calls on the people’s organizations and the people throughout the country:

— to publicize widely President Ho Chi Minh’s April 10 address to the National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, Premier Pham Van Dong’s report on government work at the Second Session of the Third National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam and the Appeal of the National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam to All Parliaments of the World; to publicize widely the March 22 statement of the Central Committee of the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation; to support the stand taken by the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam and the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation; and to expose still further the U.S. imperialists’ crime of aggression;

— to study conscientiously the relevant statements issued by our Government and the relevant editorials of Renmin Ribao, to carry out education on patriotism and internationalism and, together with the people throughout the world, to launch a mighty mass movement to compel the U.S. aggressors to get out of Viet Nam;

— to heighten vigilance, strengthen national defence, take an active part in labour, increase production, study hard and work hard, and by actual deeds assist the Vietnamese people in their just and patriotic struggle of resistance to U.S. aggression;

— to make full preparations to send our own people to fight together with the Vietnamese people and drive out the U.S. aggressors in the event that U.S. imperialism continues to escalate its war of aggression and the Vietnamese people need them.

The Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress sincerely hopes that:

the people of the countries in the socialist camp will give the Vietnamese people all-out support, oppose the U.S. aggressors and defend the southeastern outpost of the socialist camp;

the people of all the countries of Indo-China and Southeast Asia will fully support the Vietnamese people, frustrate the criminal U.S. imperialist plan of escalating its war of aggression and safeguard peace and security in Southeast Asia;

the people of the Asian, African and Latin American countries will give the Vietnamese people full support, deal blows to the U.S. imperialist forces of aggression, and strive for still greater victories in the national-liberation movement and the people’s revolutionary movement;

all countries and people throughout the world that oppose U.S. imperialism and love peace will warmly respond to the Appeal of the National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, take emergency action and launch an unprecedentedly powerful mass movement on a worldwide scale to compel the U.S. aggressors to get out of Viet Nam, Indo-China and all other places they occupy.

The heroic Vietnamese people are sure to win! The diabolical U.S. imperialists are sure to be defeated!