... and then "pacification within 18 months" and then "pacification within 2 years" and rendered inoperative new U.S.-puppet military tactics such as the "heliborne", "armoured troop carrier", and "net-casting and javelin-throwing" tactics... They were credited with many great exploits such as the victories of Ap Bac, Dong Xoai, Binh Gia and Ba Gia. The puppet troops sustained heavy defeats, losing more and more of their strategic efficiency, and faced the danger of being destroyed or disintegrating by big chunks. The trouble and crisis were all the more serious for the puppet administration. We liberated millions of people and vast areas. This was a tremendous success for us and the second major strategic failure for US neocolonialism in South Viet Nam.

Early in 1965, as their "special war" was on the brink of total fiasco, the U.S. imperialists recklessly switched over to the "local war" strategy. They massively brought in US expeditionary and satellite troops for direct massacre of our people in the South and at the same time used their air and naval power to start a war of destruction against the North.

To keep this local war going, they fielded more than half a million US expeditionary troops, used more than 10 million tons of bombs and shells, sprayed tens of thousands of tons of toxic chemicals and spent hundreds of billions of dollars. Even so, they failed bitterly.

Their strategic counter-offensive plans were foiled one after another.

Their "search-and-destroy" strategy and their two-pronged "search-and-destroy" plus "pacification" strategy went bankrupt.

The whole US military build-up comprising more than 1,200,000 men showed its impotence
under the onslaughts of the South Viet Nam armed forces and people.

The strategy of war of destruction against socialists North Viet Nam ended in a flop.

Since the US imperialists started their "local war" strategy, thousands upon thousands of heroes and valiant fighters have emerged on all battlefields, from South to North, in the fight against the American aggressors. The names of many villages, many mountains and many rivers in both parts of the country have become famous as they are closely associated with the deeds of our armed forces and people, deeds full of valour and ingenuity.

Right at the moment when the US imperialists were gearing up their local war to its height they had ever expected, the 1968 Tet general offensive and concerted uprising of our armed forces and people erupted, driving the US-puppets into an irretrievably losing posture and taking the anti-US war for national salvation of the entire Vietnamese people to a new period-period of complete victory for our people, our nation and our Fatherland.

As they were heading towards total failure, the US imperialists were compelled to effect an unconditional cessation of all bombardments against socialist North Viet Nam. The U.S. Government had to sit down for talks at the four-party conference in Paris and contemplate a troop pull-out, practically acknowledging the failure of their maxi "local war" strategy. This was the third strategic failure of the US. It is clear that the more the US imperialists persist in dragging on their aggressive war, the more they fail, and the next failure is heavier than the previous one.
Still, Nixon and Co, bellicose as they are, have turned a blind eye to these historical facts. They still are bent on prolonging the war by carrying out the “Vietnamization of the war” programme, engineered a coup d'état to overthrow Samdech Head of State of Cambodia Norodom Sihanouk, launched armed aggression against Cambodia, and are extending the war to the whole of Indochina, thus making Viet Nam, Cambodia and Laos a single battle-field. They have rendered the situation more complicated, without being able as yet to save the US imperialists from failure. Rather, their failure is still more serious, both militarily and politically, in all the three Indochinese battle-fields, while further difficulties and setbacks hit them right at home and in the world.

In this new situation, the South Vietnamese armed forces and people have closely united and co-ordinated with the armed forces and people of the two brotherly countries — Cambodia and Laos — and kept up their attacks to destroy the US aggressors and their lackeys, making the “Vietnamization” programme a succession of failures. In a short period, the brotherly Khmer people, under the leadership of the National United Front of Kampuchea headed by Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk, have won very great victories. The National Liberation Armed forces and people of Cambodia have seized control of more than two-thirds of their national territory and liberated more than 3 (out of 7) million inhabitants. Under the leadership of the Lao Patriotic Front headed by Prince Souphanouvong, the brotherly Lao armed forces and people have won successive victories against US-paid troops in all
theatres of operation. The unbreakable fraternal militant solidarity among the peoples of the three Indochinese countries have created a new, strategic offensive position favourable to each country, causing the US imperialists and the gangs of traitors in Saigon, Phnom Penh and Vientiane to sustain serious setbacks in quick succession, and dooming them to utter failure.

Over the past 10 years, with the nation’s tradition of staunch and indomitable struggle, the South Vietnamese armed forces and people have unceasingly developed their offensive position and strength, from small and partial to sizable proportions, and successively foiled various strategic plans of the US. They have put out of action over 1.7 million puppet troops and over 840,000 US and satellite troops (by the end of June 1970) and destroyed a huge amount of US weapons and war means comprising tens of thousands of modern aircraft, thousands of artillery pieces, tens of thousands of military vehicles, thousands of war vessels, etc. The US imperialists had to change their strategy and their Defence Secretary three times, and the top commanders of the aggressor army 6 times. They had to engineer 13 coups d’état in Saigon to swap their stooges. Many US generals were sacked or killed in action. Even the US President who had recklessly poured American troops into Viet Nam had to bow out of politics. All problems, political, economic and social, now facing the US have run into trouble and quandary solely because of the Viet Nam war. Thus far the US imperialists have failed to size up all the serious, long-term impact of their aggressive war in Viet Nam on the US economy, politics, and society and on the US position in the world.
Viet Nam is nearly 10,000 miles from the US. Our nation's history is several thousand years older than that of the US. Our people have done no harm to the US. The Vietnamese and American peoples bear no enmity toward each other and even can develop friendship and long-term co-operation between them on the basis of equality and mutual benefit. Since the US imperialists have sent troops and weapons to invade Viet Nam and Indochina, they must withdraw all their troops and weapons and stop their aggressive war.

For the sake of the independence and freedom of their Fatherland, for the very survival of their nation, the Vietnamese people, like the brotherly Khmer and Lao peoples, have decided to strengthen their solidarity and persevere in and step up their sacred Resistance War till final victory, till the US troops and the gangs of traitors are swept away.

In their fight against US imperialism, the South Vietnamese armed forces and people have gone through 10 difficult years, years of hardest trials, and step by step recorded great and all-round victories. They hold the initiative in conducting their liberation war in accordance with the law of development of this era in which "mankind is being freed from the last form of slavery to enter the system of genuine freedom". They have led their patriotic war into a right and steady course, defeated the enemy step by step, smashed his strategic aggressive war plans one after another and moved towards totally defeating his policy of aggression and winning final victory.

The success of our armed forces and people and the failure of the US imperialists in Viet
Nam over the past 10 years once again confirm this eloquent truth: The US imperialists, the chieftain of imperialism, are extremely cruel and bellicose. They have a lot of money weapons and troops. However, governed by the law of the inevitable decline of world capitalism, they can wage their war of aggression only from a weak, stalemate and passive position and are bound to fail in their confrontation with the Vietnamese people or any other people in the world, provided that people unite millions as one man and struggle resolutely along a correct line for the genuine independence and freedom of their nation and for the welfare and happiness of the people.

US neo-colonialism has made inroads into Viet Nam with its inherent weakness and has failed right at the start. The more the US imperialists persist in their aggressive designs toward Viet Nam, the greater their passivity and stalemate will be, and the more they bare their fundamental weaknesses, military, political, economic and social, and they are doomed to total failure.

The Vietnamese nation is endowed with a tradition of unity against foreign aggression. Even those who have strayed from the right path, when they have come to see through the true nature of the US aggressors and the odious face of the Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique of traitors, can all turn their guns on the aggressors and the traitors and return to the nation's ranks, the people's ranks. All of them have received lenient treatment, can live on good terms with the people, and assume proper positions regardless of their past political and
social activities. Our great national union, our great people's solidarity can only become ever firmer and broader. The U.S. imperialists can by no means find a favourable social and political prop in Viet Nam. The ranks of their stooges keeps dwindling and its total disintegration is a foregone conclusion. Nixon's policy of "Vietnamizing" the war of aggression with its utterly vicious and barbarous contents is speeding up this process among the puppet army and administration. In other terms, it is hastening the irretrievable collapse of US imperialism in Viet Nam.

II

UNDER THE GLORIOUS BANNER OF THE NFL, LET OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE SURGE FORWARD TO DEFEAT THE AGGRESSORS AND THE TRAITORS LOCK, STOCK AND BARREL

Over the past 10 years of fighting, our armed forces and people have matured and become seasoned in all fields. With courage, persistence, stamina and ingenuity, they have overcome all difficulties and obstacles, tirelessly stepped up all aspects of confrontation with the enemy, and won one great victory after another. The successes already obtained have laid a steady ground, created new favourable conditions and provided a wealth of experience for our armed forces and people to continue to surge forward and win complete victory over the US aggressors and the traitors. This is precisely the origin of the victories of our armed forces and people.
I. Thoroughly grasping the line of struggle against US aggression for national salvation, unceasingly strengthening the leadership of the South Vietnam NFL and the RSVN Provisional Revolutionary Government, and persevering in and stepping up the Resistance war until complete victory.

Proceeding from a scientific analysis of South Vietnamese society and the power balance between revolution and counter-revolution at home and abroad and firmly grasping the law of development of society in the present era, the NFL from the very outset has correctly defined the objectives and tasks of the South Viet Nam revolution and succeeded in laying down the line for the organisation of the revolutionary forces in South Viet Nam as well as the principles and methods of struggle so as to defeat the enemy step by step and push the revolution forward.

The great President Ho Chi Minh used to teach our people that “Nothing is more precious than independence and freedom”. In losing their country, our people will lose their independence and freedom, the right to live and the whole national culture built through thousands of years of history. To drive the imperialist aggressors out of the country, liberate the nation, regain independence and freedom for the Fatherland, bring happiness to the people, and restore the cultural and spiritual values of the Vietnamese are the earnest aspirations and demands of every Vietnamese patriot.

The U.S. imperialists have invaded our country, and schemed to partition our Fatherland permanently and turn the South into a new-
type colony and base for military aggression in Viet Nam, Indochina and Southeast Asia as a whole. They have rigged up in South Viet Nam a reactionary, anti-national and anti-popular stooge administration, given it a "national democratic" cloak and made it a tool for the repression, exploitation and enslavement of our people. The US aggressors and the Thieu-Ky-Khiem traitors are the arch enemies of our people and the two targets of the South Viet Nam revolution.

For the materialization of our people's earnest aspirations and demands, the task of the South Viet Nam revolution at present is "to fight so the Yanks quit and the puppets topple", with a view to attaining the immediate, fundamental combat objectives, namely, independence, democracy, peace, neutrality and prosperity, ultimate peaceful re-unification of the Fatherland and completion of the national democratic revolution on a nation-wide scale.

With these objectives and tasks of the revolution which faithfully reflect the most legitimate interests and aspirations of our people, the South Viet Nam NFL has been able to rally around it all social classes, all strata of the people, and all patriotic and progressive individuals, and first and foremost strongly arouse the national spirit and sense of patriotism among the people, and has succeeded in mobilizing and organizing the vast revolutionary strength of the entire South Viet Nam people with the workers and peasants as the powerful main force. Inheriting the tradition of national union from our forebears and imbued with the truth "Unity, unity, great unity; success, success, great success" enunciated by President Ho Chi Minh, the NFL has
worked tirelessly for the strengthening and broadening of the national union against US imperialists' aggression. It has always set forth sharp, appropriate and timely slogans of struggle and recommended flexible, diversified and vivid forms of organization with the result that the revolutionary forces have constantly gained in strength and scope. With correct and scientific slogans and forms of organization, our revolutionary forces keep drawing new members and at the same time mobilizing and organizing broad masses of people to struggle from low to higher levels, thereby creating favourable conditions and opportunities to win ever greater victories.

As the enemy resorts to war to counter the revolution, the NFL has worked out the line of popular, all-round and long-term people's war in which we rely mainly on our own strength and develop highly creative methods of revolutionary struggle: combination of popular uprisings with military actions, combination of armed struggle and political struggle; three-pronged attack on the enemy—armed struggle, political struggle and agitation work among enemy ranks; attacks in all the three strategic (mountain, rural and urban) areas; combination of destructive military actions against the enemy and establishment of people's power. From the line of popular, all-round people's war with a very rich content, the NFL has developed a very judicious and imaginative line for a military build-up to fight the revolutionary war with the participation of people from all walks of life. This line is based on the entirely just objective of the revolutionary cause and on our people's earnest aspirations, namely, independence and
freedom. By continually arousing the sense of patriotism and national unsubmissiveness and deepening hatred for the aggressors and the traitors, the NFL has steadily developing the revolutionary foothold among the masses and succeeded in building an immense political force everywhere, from the plains to the highlands, from the countryside to the cities and towns and from the liberated zone to the areas still under enemy control, with the insurrectionist mettle of a whole nation. It is just on the basis of this vast and mighty political force that the PLAF, comprising three arms, keep growing in force, serving as the core of the movement for arming the entire nation to fight victoriously against the aggressors and save the country in all circumstances. The militia and guerilla forces have grown rapidly in both number and combat skill to become a basis for the building and development of the regional armed forces. Experience has clearly shown that with the building and development of the regional, militia, guerilla and home-guard forces, the local armed forces will grow in strength and can dig in at various localities, hold their ground in strategic sectors and serve as the core of the development of people's war in their localities, providing conditions for continuous attacks on the enemy. With the building of strong regional armed forces, we are always in a position to give ready and effective rebuff to any of the enemy's brutal strikes, smash every one of his "pacification" plans against the localities, protect the people and revolutionary power at grassroots level, and at the same time carry out persistent and intensive agitation work among the enemy troops and cause them to disintegrate, thus
arousing large numbers of them to the sense of patriotism and revolutionary spirit, getting them to revolt and then go over to the people. Making all-out efforts to build really strong main force units on the basis of the constant strengthening of the militia, guerilla, self-defence and regional forces is a task of great importance. If the capability to fight big-unit battles is to be raised and guerilla warfare to be developed. As clearly shown by realities of the past years, the major lesson our people have learnt boils down to this: firmly upholding and bringing into full play our, politico-moral superiority; in all circumstances and in any period of time, giving great attention to building and developing the revolutionary bases among the masses; unceasingly developing and strengthening our vast political force to make it a basis for the building and constant development of the P.L.A.F. and the stepping up of people's war in three prongs — military actions, political struggle and agitation work among the enemy troops...

Our line of people's war and political and military build-up accurately reflects the law of development of the revolution and the law governing revolutionary war in Viet Nam. This line is based on our concrete conditions and the enemy's and destined to give full play to the vast political and military capabilities of our armed forces and people, and aggravate the great difficulties facing the enemy in the political and military fields. By adhering to this line, and closely combining their struggle with the rallying, development and building of force, our armed forces and people have grown stronger as they fight on, and the more they fight, the more they become mature while...
continuing to weaken and disorganise the enemy. With this line, our armed forces and people have reduced and continue to reduce to bankruptcy all enemy vicious schemes and tricky manoeuvres, have destroyed his forces or caused them to disintegrate, and will certainly shatter to pieces the US-puppet “Vietnamization” of the war programme along with its brutal and sanguinary “pacification” programme.

The revolutionary line and revolutionary war in Viet Nam rest on the fighting capacity of the revolutionary forces of South Viet Nam and of the entire country, our Vietnamese nation, in the context of the revolutionary movement of the world’s peoples at present. Our revolution and our revolutionary war are totally just. They are a part of the world revolution in the present era and therefore we have won the approval and support of progressive mankind. We have been able to rely on the revolutionary factors of the era to carry on and step up our people’s revolution and revolutionary war until total victory.

Thanks to the fact that the South Viet Nam armed forces and people have firmly maintained and fully carried out their revolutionary line and revolutionary war and won victory step by step, the revolutionary factors of the era have more and more exercised their great effects on the Viet Nam revolution. At the same time, the Viet Nam revolution has played its part in increasing these factors. As our revolutionary forces keep growing and winning, they have been able not only to receive the support of the revolutionary people of the world and translate it into their real battle successes, but also to plague the US imperialists with many difficulties right in the States, thus creating
more conditions for the progressive people in the US to defeat them step by step right at home. The US imperialists are losing ground to the armed forces and people of Viet Nam, Cambodia and Laos. They also are losing in the States and in the world.

The victories won by our armed forces and people during the past decade have confirmed that our revolutionary line, our line of resistance to US aggression, for national salvation, is fully correct, that the leadership of the South Viet Nam NFL is clear-sighted and wise, that the Vietnamese revolutionary forces are vast and inexhaustible and that the combat strength of our armed forces and people is invincible. The solidarity welding together the peoples of Viet Nam, Cambodia and Laos has further strengthened the revolutionary forces, already strong, of each country. Therefore, to firmly maintain and thoroughly carry out our revolutionary line and revolutionary war, constantly strengthen the leadership of the South Viet Nam NFL and the RSVN PRG and incessantly broaden the mastership of the people are decisive in that it enables our armed forces and people to inflict total defeat on the US aggressors no matter what aggressive war strategy they may apply.

2. Constantly heightening the determination of our armed forces and people to fight and defeat the US aggressors.

The past 10 years were years of hard and severe tests, first of all, on the combat will and the determination of our entire armed forces and people to fight and defeat the U.S. aggressors.
Under the correct leadership of the South Viet Nam N.F.L., all our armed forces and people have always displayed extraordinary courage and ingenuity in their fight. As a result, we have surmounted all difficulties, hardships and sacrifices, and inflicted defeat after defeat on the U.S. aggressors, an extremely brutal and perfidious enemy, rich and armed to the teeth.

Brilliant battle and front-serving exploits achieved by our armed forces and people can be found everywhere, from the fireline to the rear area, from the areas still under enemy control to the liberated zone, from the plains to the jungled mountains, from the countryside to the cities.

Every hamlet and every city district, the name of every village, every mountain and every river are closely associated with the battle honours achieved by our armed forces and people with uncommon courage and resourcefulness.

From the days of concerted uprisings, from the battles of Ap Bac, Dong Xoai, Binh Gia, Ba Gia, Nui Thanh, Van Tuong, Plei Me, Bau Bang, Cu Chi, Dat Cuoc, Tay Ninh, etc... to the general offensive and widespread uprising in early Spring 1968, from political struggle to armed attacks, from guerilla actions undertaken by elderly people and young teen-agers to well-concerted big-unit battles fought by main force troops, everywhere and at any time, revolutionary heroism, the "determination to fight and to win" and the combat skills of our armed forces and people always stand out sharply. Glory to our South Vietnamese armed forces and people, who are standing at the forefront of our Fatherland—Viet Nam—in the fight
against US imperialist aggression, and the crucial point of the national liberation movement of the whole of progressive mankind!

Under the NFL's leadership, the more our armed forces and people go into action, the higher their determination to fight and defeat the US aggressors. This determination is the regular factor that decides all successes of our armed forces and people. This factor is gaining momentum because it has steady bases.

→ Our liberation war is a just cause.

The US war of aggression in whatever form is unjust. The just objective of our liberation war, which is to secure our nation's survival, is in keeping with mankind's conscience, with the morality of progressive mankind and with the trend of the current national liberation revolution all over the world.

→ The revolutionary line, the line of resistance to US aggression, for national salvation, laid down by the NFL, correctly reflects the aspirations, the demands and the capabilities of the broad masses of our people. This line serves not only the vital interests of our present generation but also the lasting happiness of our future generations. Our line fully conforms to the law of development of Vietnamese society in the present era. It has been grasped more and more thoroughly by our people and our armed forces and translated into their everyday thoughts, sentiments, and actions.

→ Our armed forces and people are endowed with a tradition of staunch fighting in defence of the independence and freedom built by our ancestors all through 4,000 years. Our nation and our people have a tradition of solid and broad unity to resist foreign aggression. Our armed forces and our people have a tradition
of national union, and have developed mutual affection and mutual assistance to defeat the enemy. Our people, our nation, have a tradition of humanity, leniency and generosity and always know how to educate and work on, and create conditions for, those who have strayed into the wrong path or serve with the enemy against their will, to rise up and rejoin the people's and the nation's ranks.

— Our armed forces and people have always seen through the aggressive and reactionary nature of the imperialists. For all their efforts to raise the faked national democratic banner and put forward demagogic slogans, the US aggressors have been unable to deceive our people. Our armed forces and people have always heightened their vigilance, laid bare and shattered all enemy propaganda ploys and all his psy-war efforts, and never forgotten the abominable crimes of the aggressors and the traitors. They never harbour any illusion about the faked "peace", "nationalism" and "democracy" professed by the US-puppets. They are resolved to fight and drive out the aggressors and the traitors and achieve at all costs genuine independence, democracy and peace for our nation and our Fatherland.

— Our armed forces and people always believe in the final victory of their revolutionary cause, and in the strength of national union, of army-people solidarity and South-North Solidarity. Over the past 10 years, the armed forces and people of South Viet Nam and of Viet Nam as a whole have always held the initiative and fought from a strong and victorious position. This has been made possible thanks to the fact that our armed forces and people have exerted tremendous efforts to overcome all difficulties, hardships and sacrifices.
and have courageously and stubbornly contended with the US aggressors and their lackeys on all fronts. Such a position is being enhanced. The difficulties facing each locality or each unit are only temporary and can be overcome. For decades, our armed forces and people have successfully tided over all kinds of difficulties and obstacles to win victory. The process of overcoming difficulties, including those thought insurmountable during the days when the US imperialists brought their war of aggression to its climax, has not only made us mature but also strengthened our belief that our armed forces and people are sure to defeat the US aggressors no matter what perfidious aggressive war plans they may carry out.

—Our armed forces and people not only are fully conscious of their political responsibility for fighting victoriously against the US aggressors, as far as the future of the revolutionary cause of our people and our nation is concerned. They also understand very well that they must win the war so as to make a positive contribution to the common revolutionary cause of the world's peoples, including the progressive people in the United States and American working people who are being oppressed and exploited right at home. We must accomplish our tasks of liberating the South, defending the North, and taking joint combat actions with the armed forces and people of the two brotherly countries—Cambodia and Laos—together to defeat the US aggressors and their lackeys. Each locality, each unit and each of our countrymen should develop the spirit of self-reliance and the sense of responsibility, take the initiative in searching and destroying
the enemy, and fulfil well the tasks assigned so as to contribute most positively to developing the overall strength of our armed forces and people, with a view to defeating the US aggressors.

Over the last 10 years, the NFL has endeavoured to raise the standards of our armed forces and people with regard to their political consciousness, their revolutionary stand and their ideology thus providing them with a firm basis for the constant strengthening of their fighting spirit and their determination to fight and defeat the US aggressors. In accordance with the specific conditions in each locality, the NFL has always endeavoured to carry out step by step various revolutionary policies aimed at improving the people’s living conditions. Each NFL office and each NFL cadre, each commander and each combatant of the liberation armed forces as well as each inhabitant, all know how to strengthen and raise their own fighting spirit while actively assisting other comrades and people in overcoming difficulties caused by the enemy and natural calamities to uphold their determination to fight and to win.

With the constant, strengthening of their determination to fight and to win, the courage and ingenuity of our armed forces and people have become even more wonderful. The more revolutionary heroism bears fruits and gains in depth and scope, the nation’s tradition of valiant struggle is carried forward more vigorously. The US plan for “Vietnamization” of the war and for the prolongation and expansion of the war in all of Indochina will certainly be shattered.
3. Combining armed struggle with political struggle, developing guerrilla warfare, stepping up big unit attacks, holding the initiative in mounting strong and continual attacks to destroy the enemy, increasing agitation work among the enemy troops to speed up their disintegration, unceasingly extending people's control over all the three strategic areas, sweeping out the aggressors and the traitors.

Our people are valiant and clever and endowed with a tradition of undaunted struggle. Confronted with a strong, big, cruel and perfidious enemy, they have shown more and more of their valour and resourcefulness, and know how to fight and defeat him with their skillful military art.

They have correctly assessed the nature, the aggressive designs and all the methods and means of war of the US imperialists. They understand that in conducting a neo-colonialist war of aggression in South Viet Nam, the US imperialists are running into political troubles, are torn by contradictions and find themselves in a strategic and tactical impasse. The numerical strength of their armed forces and the power of their modern weapons are hot unlimited. They are in a weakening, passive and losing position. Relying on their vast military and economic potentials, the US aggressors have spared no savage methods of attack, first and foremost, in the hope of securing a military victory, and at the same time resorted to all kinds of trickery and perfidy in an effort to establish their neo-colonialist bondage. Brutal killing coupled with shameless and perfidious
dupery are the nature and at the same time the rule of conduct of the US imperialists in their neo-colonialist war of aggression. Justice is on our people's side since they are fighting a revolutionary war, a war of liberation. That is why, at the very outset, they command absolute political and moral superiority. Our revolutionary forces are very large in number and comprise all sections of the patriotic people with the workers and peasants as the core. We have a mighty political army and ever-growing liberation armed forces which fight in self-defence right on that soil and so can turn into good account all the three factors: people's support, terrain and weather.

Our revolutionary cause has developed from small to big in the strategic offensive position of a people's war fought by the entire people in all respects and in a thorough-going way, with the combination of political and military forces, of military actions and political struggle, of combat activity and political work among enemy troops, with the development of guerilla warfare and the stepping up of concentrated fighting with resolute and continual offensive in all the three strategic areas, and the combination of destruction of the enemy and seizure of power, to defeat the enemy step by step and finally sweep out all the aggressors and the traitors. This is the law of the victorious development of revolutionary war, of people's war, in our country against the neo-colonialist war of aggression of the imperialists. This also is the great inventiveness developed by the NFL to defeat a big and strong enemy step by step and move toward completely defeating him, for the full realisation of the objectives of the revolution. This inventiveness has been developed on
the basis of a correct revolutionary line. By attacking the enemy on the military and political fronts and combining these two forms of struggle, our armed forces and people have occasioned the overall, substantial might of revolutionary war, in such a measure that they can give strong rebuff to any cruel military action of the enemy and at the same time shatter all his political manoeuvres and intrigues, thereby setting bounds to the temporary strong points of the US-puppets in the military field and aggravating their fundamental weak points in the political and military fields. By combining armed and political struggle, we have succeeded in launching a three-prong attack on the enemy, hitting him with military actions, political confrontation and agitation work among enemy troops, on all battlefields, in terms of military strategy, military operations and separate battles, attacking him at the front-line and in his rear, destroying and disbanding at the same time his military and coercive forces, and closely combining destructive attacks on the enemy and seizure of power. The close combination of armed and political struggle helps us make the most of the advantages of liberation war, of revolutionary war, and bring into full play the military skills and political talents of our armed forces and people, so as to create a strong position and a mighty strength to attack the enemy resolutely, without let-up, from all sides and inflict political and military defeats on him in quick succession.

Developing guerilla warfare and stepping up big-unit fighting is a law of development of our revolutionary armed struggle leading us to defeat the enemy militarily.
Relying on our very solid revolutionary infrastructure in various localities among the vast political forces of the masses, we have vigorously developed our guerilla forces. The heroic South Vietnamese people have acted upon this great teaching of President Ho Chi Minh: “Let those who have rifles, use rifles; those who have swords, use swords; those who have no swords, use spades, hoes or sticks. Everyone must endeavour to oppose the colonialists and save the country”.

They have launched a vast campaign unprecedented in history, in which the entire people are armed and the entire people fight the aggressors to save the country. With the large-scale development of guerilla warfare, our people have always been provided with effective support in their daily confrontation with the enemy, in liquidating the cruel puppet agents and informers in time, in staging successful uprisings to seize power, in destroying the network of strategic hamlets, concentration camps and military outposts set up by the US-puppets, breaking their grip and frustrating all their pacification efforts. With the large-scale development of guerilla warfare, we have been able to build the armed forces on the spot, and the growing strength of the guerillas and regional armed forces has made it possible for us to effectively counter all enemy sweeps and “pacification” operations and defend the liberated areas, quickly solve the aftermaths of the US-puppet’s exterminatory attacks, successfully protect the people and foil the enemy’s brutal strike methods. With the development of guerilla warfare in all the three strategic areas, we have thinned out the enemy forces, split them into scattered units, encircled them and interlocked with them, and can hold on to strategic
theatres, fighting villages and hamlets, and communication lines to mount relentless attacks on the enemy everywhere, maintain constant pressure on his occupation structure, cause confusion in his rear and strike deep into his hideouts. With the large-scale development of guerilla warfare, our people's combat skills have developed to the fullest extent as never seen before. Our people have devised a thousand and one effective combat methods to wear out or destroy large amounts of enemy manpower, render inoperative all enemy counter-measures, and largely restrict his technical capabilities and the power of his weapons. With the large-scale development of guerilla warfare, we have created favourable conditions for the rapid building of our main forces and the stepping up of large-unit fighting and keep bringing into play the power of armed struggle. That is why developing guerilla warfare has always been a strategic task of revolutionary war and a basic form of revolutionary armed struggle in our country. Guerilla warfare is the ground-work of the liberation war of the South Viet Nam armed forces and people.

On the basis of the large-scale development of guerilla warfare, our main forces have stepped up their concentrated attacks on an ever larger scale. This development is necessary as revolutionary war requires that we move forward to defeat the US aggressors. In stepping up concentrated fighting, our main forces have successfully fought many major annihilation battles, wiping out whole enemy battalions or multi-battalion units, such as in Binh Gia, Ba Gia, Bau Bang, Bong Trang — Nha Do, etc. They were credited with mounting a series of outstanding annihilation battles during the 1968
Tet offensive, with destroying important enemy forces in the battles of Dau Tieng, Dong Du, Long Thanh, Plei Can, A Bia, etc... in 1969, and Dak Sieng, Xeo Ro Canal, An Giang, Xa Mat, Hill 935, etc... in 1970. By stepping up large-unit fighting, and launching major annihilation battles we have destroyed one section of enemy manpower after another, seriously mauled or made short work of different bases or defence lines of the US-puppets, frustrated various combat measures they have applied in their defensive strategy and caused heavy losses to many of their strategic units. As concentrated fighting has been stepped up on all battlefields, the enemy finds himself more vulnerable to destruction and disintegration, even though he has beefed up his defences by all possible means: fortifications, fire power, mobility, clearing operations, etc... By stepping up big-unit fighting our main forces have grown faster, made prodigious progress in tactics and technics, and brought into full play their ever growing material strength in order to deal still more destructive blows at the enemy and move towards completely defeating him.

The stepping up of big-unit fighting creates conditions for the realisation of close coordination with guerilla warfare, helps increase the effectiveness of guerilla warfare and gives a strong stimulus to the political struggle waged by people living in areas still under enemy control, especially the cities and towns. Therefore, it is a requirement of the development of the popular, all-sided people's war with a strong offensive impetus, with a view to shattering all stubborn schemes of the US imperialists and smashing their aggressive will.
By combining armed and political struggle in all the three strategic areas, combining uprising and offensive warfare, combat actions, and agitation work among enemy troops, development of guerilla warfare and stepping up of large-unit fighting, destruction of enemy forces and seizure of power, the South Viet Nam armed forces and people have greatly enhanced the offensive position of the revolution and successfully realised the offensive strategy thought of people's war. Over the past 10 years, we have firmly maintained and incessantly developed the initiative of action on all battlefields, and attacked the enemy without let-up and with increased strength.

Firmly grasping this method of struggle full of vigour, our armed forces and people have mounted powerful and continual attacks on the enemy and at the same time gone ahead with their military build-up, in order to fight a protracted war, to grow up with the fighting, persevere in, and step up the Resistance war and thwart all US schemes to prolong the war.

4. Translating the sentiments, determination and all-out assistance of our fellow-countrymen in socialist North Viet Nam into actual victories, and living up to our responsibility and great honour as those fighting on the forefront against the US imperialist aggressors.

President Ho Chi Minh, the great and venerated leader of our people and our nation, has taught us: "Nothing is more precious than independence and freedom". "We would rather make every sacrifice than lose our country". we are determined not to be enslaved. "Viet Nam
is one country, the Vietnamese are one nation”, “The South is the blood of Vietnamese blood, the flesh of Vietnamese flesh”, “So long as a single aggressor remains on our soil, we must fight on and wipe him out”. This is the voice of the Fatherland, of our mountains and rivers, of the Vietnamese nation, which has been ringing from generation to generation. Our people, from generation to generation, will engrave these words in their heart, and are determined to fight to defend the very existence of our nation and our Fatherland, and the independence, freedom, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Viet Nam. Every Vietnamese patriot is fully conscious of his responsibility for the nation survival, and all of them, of their own free will, are uniting millions as one man and exerting themselves to the utmost in order to drive out the aggressors and traitors.

Let the US imperialists give up the hope of using fire and sword to subjugate our people, partition our country, and blot out the sentiments, the spirit and the tradition of unity and stubborn, indomitable fighting of our nation. All the brutal and vicious manoeuvres the US aggressors have resorted to thus far to realise their ambitions have been foiled one after another.

The US imperialists have used a huge air armada to conduct destructive raids against socialist North Viet Nam, the great, solid rear of the liberation war of people in the South. Nevertheless, the armed forces and people in both zones of Viet Nam have fought shoulder to shoulder and defeated the war of destruction over the North while defeating step by step the US “local war” in South Viet Nam. The US
aggressors are being bogged down and they are still unable to measure the disastrous effects of their inevitable failure in trying to "Vietnamize" the war and widen it to the whole of the Indochinese peninsula.

For the very survival of their nation, for the genuine independence, freedom, unity and peace of their Fatherland, the armed forces and people in both zones of our country have constantly strengthened their fighting solidarity and are determined to persevere in and step up the fight against US aggression, for national salvation, liberate the South, defend the North and reunify the country.

In their hard but heroic struggle against US imperialism and its agents, the South Viet Nam armed forces and people have always enjoyed the encouragement and devoted assistance of their kith and kin in the North. While going all-out to build socialism, the revolutionary base of the whole country and the mighty and solid rear of the liberation war of their Southern compatriots, the people in the North have daily and hourly turned their thoughts to the South, followed and stimulated the fight of the South Vietnamese armed forces and people, and done everything they can to help them defeat the aggressors and traitors. The victories of the South Viet Nam armed forces and people are laden with North-South feelings, with the sentiments, determination and energy of our Northern countrymen.

The South Viet Nam armed forces and people feel great elation, enthusiasm and pride over the combat and production achievements of the North Viet Nam armed forces and people. Our heroic Northern countrymen and the Viet Nam
People's Army have fought relentlessly for 4 years, defeated the US air war of destruction and blasted the myth of US air power. In the conditions of war, our Northern compatriots have enthusiastically performed the duty of the great rear towards the great front and discharged their internationalist duty towards the revolutionary cause of the brotherly nations on the Indochinese peninsula while pushing ahead socialist construction at a steady pace.

With their successes in the building of socialism, our Northern compatriots have brought and are bringing radical changes to the North in the political, economic, social and cultural fields. The 20 million North Vietnamese people, ardently patriotic and always mindful of the kindred South, are upholding their revolutionary heroism, and enthusiastically engaged in an emulation campaign to build socialism successfully and defeat the US aggressors. All these endeavours have created the mighty strength of the North which is just the source of the inexhaustible strength of the South Viet Nam armed forces and people.

We understand that by fully developing the spirit of relying mainly on our own forces, we are in a better position to make the most of the brotherly assistance of socialist North Viet Nam and hence our strength will redouble. To the 20 million North Vietnamese, we pledge to translate their sentiments, determination and devoted assistance into actual victories on the battlefield.

The South Viet Nam armed forces and people are resolved to strive their hardest to persevere in and step up the Resistance war, wipe out the
5. Uniting and closely co-ordinating with the armed forces and people of brotherly Cambodia and Laos and marching forward to win complete victory over the US aggressors.

Being driven into fight straits in South Viet Nam, the US imperialists have started a new military venture by invading Cambodia, widening the war to all of Indochina and turning this peninsula into a single battlefield. They are being bogged down and sustaining disastrous setbacks in this war. In South Viet Nam, their “Vietnamization” of the war programme, far from making headway is facing rapid fiasco.

Their “special war” in Laos is a string of failures. Their performance in Cambodia is even poorer. The forces of US aggressors are spread thin over all Indochina. They have to grapple with the situation from battlefield to battlefield, deploying their troops in a confused and passive manner. The “Nixon doctrine”, just put to test in Indochina, has met with initial failure and is doomed to complete fiasco. As American public opinion has pointed out, the expansion of the war in the whole of Indochina is a major military setback and a political “disaster” for the US. This is Nixon’s biggest mistake.

The Nixon administration’s policy of aggression in Indochina has linked our people’s liberation war to the national liberation cause of the people of the two brotherly and neighbour countries. The solid unity of the 50 million
Indochinese people, built along a correct line as splendidly manifested in the historic Joint Declaration of the Indochinese Peoples' Summit Conference, has been consolidated and strengthened one step further. This militant solidarity is a solid factor ensuring complete victory for the anti-US fight for national salvation, and the unshakable foundation of the long-term fraternal cooperation between the peoples of the three Indochinese countries. It has laid the groundwork for the leaping development of the forces, military and political, of the prodigious war of resistance of the Indochinese people. It has brought about a new power balance more and more in our favour and to the disadvantage of the US and its puppet cliques.

The joint operation of the revolutionary forces of the three countries has produced a strength, much more powerful, and increased the anti-US resistance forces of all the three Indochinese peoples and of each people on this peninsula to a higher degree than ever before. The revolutionary war in all three countries is developing its position of continual offensive. The well-concerted combat actions on various battlefields in the three countries have brought out the new strategic offensive posture of the Resistance of the three Indochinese countries with a great and effective strike power which tends to thin the enemy out, weaken him, and drive him into a passive and critical situation. This new strength is at work with the well-coordinated combat actions of the revolutionary forces of the three countries, with various prongs of military and political attacks in all Indochina and in each country, combined with
increasingly sharp diplomatic moves of the peoples of the three countries. It is exactly this joint offensive that has created new forces, new theatres and new possibilities of offensive on a large-scale, with the result that a highly effective offensive power can be gathered to defeat the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys.

The South Vietnamese armed forces and people and the Vietnamese people as a whole are fully aware that the offensive posture on each battlefields is within the framework of the general offensive posture of the whole Indochinese Resistance and so has ample conditions to develop vigorously and steadily. From this, new advantages have emerged as far as anti-US fight of the South Viet Nam armed forces and people is concerned. In this fight, we have all along received the approval and great, direct and effective support from the people of Laos and Cambodia. Our people are deeply grateful for this precious assistance and will never forget it. More than ever before, we will work with might and main for the strengthening of the militant solidarity with the brotherly peoples of the two neighbouring countries. We are determined to overcome hardships and difficulties, and push forwards the all-sided offensive of people's war so as to win big victories in South Viet Nam, and join the armed forces and people of Cambodia and Laos in fighting and defeating the common enemy. We pledge ourselves to stand shoulder to shoulder with the Lao and Cambodian peoples, and together fight the US aggressors until final victory; to completely liberate all the three Indochinese countries and contribute worthily to the cause of peace, national independence, democracy and
social progress in South East Asia and the rest of the world.

The war of aggression in Viet Nam is an important part of the US imperialists’ global strategy. The US aggressors intend not only to conquer South Viet Nam and all the Indochinese countries but also to use these areas as testing grounds for their strategy, tactics, new weapons and aggressive and reactionary doctrines to suppress the national liberation movement in the world. The patriotic struggle of the Vietnamese people against US aggression is a hot and grim fight at the forefront of the struggle of the world’s peoples against imperialism and for national independence, democracy, peace and social progress. It is not only a struggle between a people who have risen up and the imperialist aggressors, but also a struggle between a new emerging world and an old, decaying world which is falling down. Our nation’s strength, accumulated through centuries, has been brought into full play in this new era to defeat the US aggressors lock, stock and barrel. US-led imperialism is weakening and will certainly be destroyed. The offensive posture and the victory of the world’s revolutionary people keep developing. With the offensive strategy, the revolutionary forces in the world are repelling imperialism step by step and overthrowing it part by part, thus hastening its final doom. In this life-and-death struggle of our nation and of the other Indochinese nations, the militant solidarity between us and the peoples of various countries in the world is gaining in strength and has become a factor for our victory.
At present, progressive mankind, including American progressives, is strongly against the savage crimes and the peace hoax of the US imperialists. All mankind is giving strong support to the anti-US struggle for national salvation of the people of Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia. This international support has gradually become a struggle in-place against US imperialism and an unprecedentedly broad and powerful front of the world’s peoples is taking shape in support of the Resistance wars of the people of the three Indochinese countries against US imperialist aggression. The South Viet Nam armed forces and people feel great enthusiasm at the warm support given them by the world’s peoples, especially the devoted assistance, both moral and material, of the countries in the socialist camp. We must make the best use of this precious assistance so as to step up our protracted fight which will certainly end in victory. As disciples, children and grand children of President Ho Chi Minh, the South Viet Nam armed forces and people always know how to combine ardent patriotism with genuine internationalism, and are always conscious that our revolutionary struggle is an integral part of the revolutionary cause of the world’s peoples. Our offensive posture is a prong of the offensive strategy of the world revolution. Everyone of our successes is inseparable from the unstinted support and assistance of brothers and friends in all the five continents. Our offensive posture is closely linked with the development of that of the world revolution. Our people are traditionally trustworthy, loyal and grateful. The South
Vietnamese people forever are grateful for this sincere and effective international support and assistance which will help our people defeat the US aggressors in this decisive historic battle.

To be worthy of the trust placed in them by brothers and friends round the world, the South Viet Nam armed forces and people pledge all-out energy and effort to fulfil their national task and international obligation.

The great victory of our people's just war and the failure of the US imperialists' most brutal war of aggression in history have resulted in the rising up of all mankind in opposition to US imperialism. That is why the US imperialists are further weakened and isolated and have met with growing difficulties at home and abroad. This has created more favourable conditions for us to speed up their failure in Viet Nam and Indochina. We will make the best and most efficient use of the support and assistance of the world revolution in order to take the anti-US fight for national salvation of our people and the other Indochinese peoples to total victory. The victory of our people will have an international and historic meaning, and as President Hồ Chí Minh put it, "We, a small nation, will earn the signal honour of defeating, through heroic struggle, two big imperialisms — the French and the American — and of making a worthy contribution to the world national liberation movement".

Gold is tested by fire, man's endurance by hardships. After 25 years of valiant struggle for national independence, the South Viet Nam
armed forces and people have been steeled and tempered and grown incessantly. Our people have won very great victories.

On its road to complete victory, our national liberation struggle will still meet with many difficulties and hardships. The US aggressors have failed bitterly but remain very obdurate. In 1970, to save their "Vietnamization of the war" programme in South Viet Nam, they launched an armed aggression against Cambodia, widening the war to the whole of Indochina. Today, in the face of their heavy setbacks in Indochina, the bellicose Nixon clique still have the cheek to make war threats, are planning new military adventures against socialist North Viet Nam, and continue to prolong and expand their aggressive war in South Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia.

This is merely the desperate struggle of a beast at the end of the tether. No brutalities can shake the fighting will of our armed forces and people. Should the US aggressors recklessly lay hand upon North Viet Nam, the South Viet Nam armed forces and people would give them five or even ten tills for every tatt, and resolutely liberate the South, defend the North and proceed to the peaceful reunification of the country. In whatever circumstances, the armed forces and people of South Viet Nam are determined to join those in North Viet Nam, in Laos and Cambodia in smashing all US military adventures and winning total victory.

If over the past 10 years we have won so great victories and become so strong, today we even have new favourable conditions to fight
and defeat the U.S. aggressors and their puppets. If over the past 10 years, the US aggressors have sustained so big defeats, today, as they are weakened and beset with difficulties, however obdurate they may be, they will only sustain still heavier defeats and are doomed to total failure in Viet Nam and in Indochina as a whole. This is a law of history. It is irreversible.

Final victory belongs to the people of the three Indochinese countries. It is certain that the South Viet Nam armed forces and people will materialize the sacred Testament of President Ho Chi Minh: "No matter what difficulties and hardships lie ahead, our people are sure of total victory. The US imperialists will certainly have to quit. Our Fatherland will certainly be reunified."

Under the glorious banner of the South Viet Nam NFL and the guidance of the RSVN PRG, following the road charted by President Ho Chi Minh, let our people and combatants in heroic South Viet Nam march forward enthusiastically!"

Brilliant victory is waiting us!