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LETTER DATED 22 NOVEMBER 1948 TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DELEGATION OF THE  
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM

Paris, 22 November 1948

Sir,

By order of my Government, I take the liberty of addressing you and submitting for your attention the application for admission of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam to membership of the United Nations.

Viet-Nam has been an independent sovereign State since 2 September 1945 following upon the Allied victory over Japan, to which it contributed heavily in bloodshed and resources. It was recognized by France by the Agreement of 6 March 1945. The Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam was regularly appointed by the Viet-Nam National Assembly after the general elections of 6 January 1946, which were based on the principle of universal, secret and direct suffrage.

In spite of very great difficulties, the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam has succeeded, in three years, in making very considerable progress both in democratic reform (Constitution of 9 November 1946) and in economic matters (campaign against famines and endemic undernourishment), social progress (institution of social legislation) and cultural advancement (anti-illiteracy campaign).

Animated by the earnest desire to co-operate actively in achieving closer relations and understanding between all peace-loving nations, Viet-Nam would be glad, with that end in view, to contribute its full share to the work of the United Nations. It accepts unreservedly the principles proclaimed in the United Nations Charter, undertakes to respect them faithfully and declares that it is capable of fulfilling the obligations deriving therefrom.

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/My Government  
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My Government accordingly instructs me to request you to present to the United Nations, with your support, the application of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam for the admission of Viet-Nam to membership of the United Nations.

I have the honour to enclose the text of the telegram from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Viet-Nam authorizing me to present the application.

Pending the presentation to the United Nations Secretariat in due course of instruments established directly, in good and due form, by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam, I beg you to consider the present letter as a formal application from the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam.

TRAN-NGOC-DANH  
Chairman of the Delegation of the  
Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam in Paris

Enc: Telegram from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet-Nam  
to Mr. TRAN-NGOC-DANH

Declaration relating to acceptance of the obligations under  
the United Nations Charter

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obligations under the United Nations  
Charter

By order of my Government, and duly authorized to do so by virtue of the full powers conferred upon me for the purpose by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet-Nam, I hereby declare that the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam accepts without reservation the obligations of the United Nations Charter and undertakes to respect them faithfully as from the date upon which it becomes a Member of the United Nations.

TRAN-NGOC-DANH

Chairman of the Delegation of the  
Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam in Paris

Text of telegram from the Minister  
for Foreign Affairs of Viet-Nam

To Mr. TRAN-NGOC-DANH, Chairman of the  
Delegation of the Democratic Republic  
of Viet-Nam in Paris

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"Minister Foreign Affairs instructs you transmit application for  
membership Viet-Nam in United Nations and International Court of  
Justice."

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TRAN-NGOC-DANH  
Chairman of the Delegation of the  
Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam in Paris

