

# Excerpts From the '62 Geneva Declaration on Laos

Following are excerpts from the declaration signed at Geneva on July 23, 1962, by 13 nations including the United States, North Vietnam and South Vietnam:

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[The participating nations] solemnly declare, in accordance with the will of the Government and people of the Kingdom of Laos, that they recognize and will respect and observe in every way the sovereignty, independence, neutrality, unity and territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Laos.

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Undertake, in particular, that:

- (a) They will not commit or participate in any way in any act which might directly or indirectly impair the sovereignty, independence, neutrality, unity or territorial integrity of Laos;
- (b) They will not resort to the use or threat of force or any other measure which might impair the peace of Laos;
- (c) They will refrain from all direct or indirect interference in the internal affairs of Laos;
- (d) They will not attach conditions of a political nature to any assistance which they may offer or which Laos may seek;
- (e) They will not bring Laos in any way into any military alliance or any other agreement, whether military or otherwise, which is inconsistent with her neutrality, nor invite or encourage her to enter into any such alliance or conclude any such agreement;
- (f) They will respect the wish of Laos not to recognize

the protection of any military coalition or alliance, including SEATO;

- (g) They will not introduce into Laos foreign troops or military personnel in any form whatsoever, nor will they in any way facilitate or connive at the introduction of any foreign troops or military personnel;
- (h) They will not establish nor in any way facilitate or connive at the establishment in Laos of any foreign military base, foreign strongpoint, or other foreign military installation of any kind;
- (i) They will not use the territory of Laos for interference in the internal affairs of other countries;
- (j) They will not use the territory of any country, including their own, for interference in the internal affairs of Laos.

[3]

Appeal to all other states to recognize, respect and observe in every way the sovereignty, independence and neutrality, and also the unity and territorial integrity, of the Kingdom of Laos and to refrain from any action inconsistent with those principles or with other provisions of the declaration.

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Undertake, in the event of a violation or threat of violation of the sovereignty, independence, neutrality, unity or territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Laos, to consult jointly with the Royal Government of Laos and among themselves in order to consider measures which might prove to be necessary to insure the observance of these principles and the other provisions of the present declaration.