

The French have fled, the Japanese have *capitulated*, Emperor Bao Dai has *abdicated*. Our people have broken the chains which for nearly a century have *fettered* them and have won independence for the Fatherland. Our people at the same time have overthrown the *monarchic* regime that has reigned supreme for dozens of centuries. In its place has been established the present Democratic Republic.

For these reasons, we, members of the Provisional Government, representing the whole Vietnamese people, declare that from now on we break off all relations of a colonial character with France; we repeal all the international obligation that France has so far subscribed to on behalf of Vietnam and we *abolish* all the special rights the French have unlawfully acquired in our Fatherland.

The whole Vietnamese people, animated by a common purpose, are determined to fight to the bitter end against any attempt by the French colonialists to reconquer their country.

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