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## **APPEAL**

### **of the Vietnam Association for Victims of Agent of Orange/dioxin**

Dear concerned brothers, sisters and friends, in Vietnam and all over the World.

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1961, the U.S. forces started the first spraying of toxic chemicals, to launch their “Operation Ranch Hand” that lasted almost a decade in South Vietnam, with its destruction on Vietnam's environments, ecology system and human health.

On this August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011, that marks the 50 years old of the Agent Orange disaster in Vietnam. This is indeed a sad commemoration on the part of the Vietnamese people. More than 3 million hectares of forests and rice fields, about 26.000 hamlets herein were sprayed with U.S. forces’ toxic chemicals. Presently, several "hot spots" are still severely contaminated with high levels of dioxin. In addition, out of about 5 million Vietnamese who were exposed to the Agent Orange/dioxin, 3 millions of them have been estimated to be its victims; many of them are children of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generations who are suffering birth defects and having to live an abnormally vegetative life; many of them are women who fail to enjoy the happiness of being a mother and a wife, many of them are gradually dying in pain due to the extremity of horrible diseases related to Agent Orange/dioxin. Indeed, most of the victimized families are being in the state of heartbreaking conditions.

The War has ended 36 years ago. The country of Vietnam has been restored to life. Although, the Government of Vietnam, mass organizations and individuals in the country and abroad have been assisting the Agent Orange victims, they are nevertheless still belonging to the poorest group of the poor population, the most wretched group of the wretched population.

On the occasion of starting the 50 high-tide days of the “Action for Agent Orange Victims in Vietnam”, the Vietnam Association for Victims of Agent Orange/dioxin sincerely appeals to all of our brothers, sisters and friends in the country & abroad to demonstrate their sympathy and support extended to the Vietnamese victims of Agent Orange in their struggle for justice.

The Vietnam Association for Victims of Agent Orange/dioxin requests the U.S. side to take their responsibilities for the losses caused to the Vietnamese people, and the U.S. chemical companies who supplied the toxic Agent Orange /dioxin to the U.S. forces for use during

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the Vietnam War. first of all, Dow Chemical & Monsanto to bravely acknowledge their wrong doings and ask themselves that once they are still failing to pay compensation to the Vietnamese people, is it sensible for them to have their representatives in Viet Nam?

The Vietnam Association for Victims of Agent Orange/dioxin welcomes and appreciates all the sentiment and action taken in support of the victims of Agent Orange by brothers, sisters and friends, domestically and internationally.

The truth has spoken out. The justice should be respected. The support and assistance offered to the Vietnamese victims of Agent Orange/dioxin and to victims of all types of chemical weapons in the world constitute a great contribution to the cause of struggle for peace and justice on this planet.

On behalf of The Vietnam Association for Victims of Agent Orange/dioxin.

Sr. Lt. General Nguyen Van Rinh

**Any assistance to be sent to**

**The Vietnam Association for Victims of Agent Orange/Dioxin Fund**

***1/ In Vietnam:***

Account in VND: 00311.0123.4005

Opened at: Military Bank, Thanh Xu©n Office- Hanoi

Address: 475 Nguyen Trai, Thanh Xuan Dist., Hanoi

Swift code: MSCBVNVX

***2/ Abroad:***

Account in VND: 00110.0086.3681

Account in USD: 00113.7086.3710

Account in EURO: 00111.4086.3770

Opened at: VietCombank

Address: 31-33 Ngo Quyen Str., Hoan Kiem Dist., Hanoi

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Dear friends,

Here is our Principal activities in the 50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of AO/Dioxin spray in Vietnam (Aug 10th 1961 - Aug 10th, 2011).

### **Principal activities in the 50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of Agent Orange/dioxin sprayed in Vietnam, in 2011**

- 1. January: Press conference to request mass media to talk more about Agent Orange/dioxin's dangers and victims in Vietnam.**
- 2. June 10<sup>th</sup>: The Fatherland Front to launch a national action campaign in support of Agent Orange/dioxin victims.**
- 3. June 25<sup>th</sup>: The Vietnam Musician Association and VAVA to summate the campaign to compose melodies "For victims of Agent Orange", launched in Oct. 2010.**
- 4. July, 9<sup>th</sup>: VAVA to hold the "Second national conference of victims who made outstanding efforts in overcoming difficulties".**
- 5. July 19<sup>th</sup>: The Central Committee of Buddhist Church to organize "Grand requiem for Agent Orange/dioxin victims" at the Institute of Buddhism.**
- 6. July 26<sup>th</sup> – August 28<sup>th</sup>: The VPA' Museum and Library to organize exhibition of books and materials on Agent Orange/dioxin.**
- 7. July 28<sup>th</sup> – August 10<sup>th</sup>: The Ho Chi Minh Youth Union to launch a campaign of action in support of Agent Orange victims among young people.**
- 8. August 8-9<sup>th</sup>: VAVA to organize "the Second International Conference of Victims of Agent Orange/dioxin".**
- 9. August 10<sup>th</sup>: VAVA to organize Grand Rally at the Hanoi Central Theatre to officially commemorate "the 50<sup>th</sup> Orange Day".**