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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
FOR A FREE AND
DEMOCRATIC VIETNAM



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since its founding in 1985, the International Committee for a Free and Democratic Vietnam (ICFDV) has been steadfast in its work to support to the advancement of freedom, democracy and human rights in Vietnam and Southeast Asia.

Every year, Vietnam's human rights situation seriously deteriorates, despite a growing rights campaign and strong online activism. The ICFDV was thus founded to confront this challenge to democracy and "to work for the respect or restoration of human rights and basic liberties in Vietnam and Southeast Asia."

As the movement continues to grow, we welcome like-minded officials, academics and activists to support and strengthen our shared objectives as lifelong Honorary Members.

The ICFDV's chapters and divisions around the world collaborate closely to assist the Vietnamese people in their struggle for freedom; to inform public opinion about the realities in Vietnam; and to exert political pressure on the Vietnamese government in order that fundamentals freedom and human rights will be respected.

I welcome you to add your name to the list of ICFDV Honorary Members, which includes an ever-growing number of respected advocates from chapters in Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Romania, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, and the United States of America.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thanh Hai Ngo". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a horizontal blue line.

Senator Thanh Hai Ngo
Executive Member and Coordinator of ICFDV



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**THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
FOR A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC VIETNAM
(I.C.F.D.V)**

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1: MANDATE

1. The International Committee for a Free and Democratic Vietnam was founded in 1985 with the mandate:

**To work for the respect or restoration of human
rights, democracy, and basic liberties in Vietnam
and Southeast Asia.**

ARTICLE 2: AIMS

2. The objectives are:
 - i. To assist the Vietnamese people in their struggle for freedom;
 - ii. To inform world public opinion about realities in Vietnam and Indochina;
 - iii. To promote consensus among nations whose legitimate interests are harmed by the present Vietnamese government, and;
 - iv. To exert political pressure on the Vietnamese government in order that fundamental freedoms and human rights will be respected.

ARTICLE 3. ORGANIZATION

3. The International Committee for a Free and Democratic Vietnam (I.C.F.D.V) shall have Chapters, Divisions, Regions and Branches. The Committee Headquarters shall be in Brussels, Belgium for the time being, but may be transferred to any location at which future International Presidents reside.
4. Australia, Canada and the United States-because of the large land masses - can form Chapters. In Africa, Asia and Europe, each country can form a Division. All Divisions of a continent form a Chapter.
5. Each province or state of a country can form a Region.
6. Each city can form a Branch.

7. The executive authority for the conduct of the affairs of the I.C.F.D.V shall be at the Headquarters and at each individual Chapters.
8. The I.C.F.D.V shall have one International President. Each Chapter and Division shall have a President. The President of the Chapters only are appointed as Vice-Presidents of the overall organization. There will be no President appointed for Regions or Branches.
9. Each Chapter can form its own policies. The International Headquarters, however, must be informed of all such policies and course of action.
10. Each Chapter shall direct the operation of the Divisions, Regions and Branches.
11. Special Commissions to examine specific issues may be created by Headquarters or Chapters only. These Commissions can receive short-term or long-term mandates depending on the issue.
12. The day-to-day affairs of Headquarters and Chapters shall be conducted by a Coordinator to be appointed where feasible.
13. A General Secretary shall be appointed to handle finances, membership cards, and to maintain membership lists and other affairs of Headquarter in conjunction with the Coordinator.
14. If possible, each Division, Region and Branch shall have a Liaison-officer.

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP

There are two kinds of membership:

15. Honorary membership, including prominent public figures.
16. Active membership is available to all who accept the mandate and the aims of the I.C.F.D.V

ARTICLE 5: MEMBERSHIP FEE

17. There is no fee for Honorary Membership.
18. There shall be an annual administration fee, which will be determined by Headquarters.

ARTICLE 6: TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

19. **Honorary membership is for life, and may be revoked if the member is involved in unethical activities. Honorary members can withdraw from the I.C.F.D.V by submitting a written resignation letter to the appropriate Chapter or Headquarters.**
20. Active membership is revoked if the member is involved in unethical activities. Active member can withdraw from the I.C.F.D.V by submitting a written letter of resignation to any Branch, Region, and Division of the country where the active member reside. Active membership shall be terminated if the annual fee is not paid within a reasonable grace period.

ARTICLE 7: ADMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

21. This constitution may be amended following consultations among the President and the Vice-Presidents with recommendations by a Constitutional Commission.

This constitution consists of 7 Articles, 21 clauses and 4 sub-clauses.

Drafted on 9 January, 1991

First revision on 15 March, 1991.

Second revision on 26 March, 1991.

**THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
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After conquering South Vietnam in 1975, the Vietnamese Communists instituted a totalitarian system over the entire country, abolishing all fundamental freedoms and reducing all to hunger and poverty. Abroad, they subjugated the Laotian people and invaded Cambodia. Finally, they turned Vietnam into a military asset of the Soviet Union in a pre-perestroika age to encircle China, intimidate Southeast Asian countries and control the southern and western parts of the Pacific Ocean.

The Vietnamese people do not accept the regime and policy. Since 1975, hundreds of thousands have fled the country, and the exodus still continues. Many of those who remain in Vietnam join the resistance or refuse to work. As the Vietnamese economy is in shambles, the Vietnamese Communists seek to improve their situation through cosmetic changes in their leadership and policy. After electing a new ruling body, they promised to change their domestic and foreign policy in order to obtain financial and economic help from the Free World. In fact, the new rulers belong to the old guard of the Vietnamese Communist Party (VCP).

Moreover all leaders of this party are fanatical Marxists-Leninists. They consider Moscow of pre-Gorbachev days as the Mecca of the world revolution. Their goal is to impose communism on all Southeast Asian countries. The present change of policy is merely a temporary setback according to a famous formula: to accept a step backward in order to make two steps forward later.

It is comparable to Lenin's NEP in the beginning of the 1920s. On the other hand, the VCP is still controlled essentially by the Kremlin: its leaders could not distance themselves from the Soviet Union and its policy even if they wanted to do so.

We cannot trust the present Vietnamese leaders. Those who want to help the Vietnamese people must offer them the possibility to liberate themselves from their present yoke.

The International Committee for a Free and Democratic Vietnam (I.C.F.D.V) is an organization founded for this purpose.

Its HONORARY COMMITTEE includes a growing number of respected individuals.

Its goals are:

- a. To assist the Vietnamese people in their struggle for freedom.
- b. To inform world public opinion about realities in Vietnam and Indochina.
- c. To promote consensus among nations whose legitimate interests are harmed by the present Hanoi government.
- d. To exert pressure on the V.C.P. to encourage them to respect human rights and fundamental freedoms in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

To achieve these aims, the I.C.F.D.V plans:

- a. To organize a worldwide network of members and supporters in order to build the necessary strength to implement its goals.
- b. To encourage international and national fora (Inter-national Organizations, National Assemblies of different nations, mass media ...) to denounce violations of human rights in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.
- c. To wise governments to put pressure on Hanoi to respect human rights and fundamental freedoms if it wants to obtain assistance from the democratic nations.

**THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
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*Paul Vankerkhoven President
Former European. Deputy*

Let us remember. The year is 1969.

Richard Nixon is in the White House.

When we decided on the creation of the "International Committee for a Free and Democratic Vietnam", we proclaimed an act of faith and an act of hope without concealing from ourselves the magnitude of the stake and without minimizing the difficulties of the road to be travelled.

An act of faith based on the conviction that the indomitable attachment of the Vietnamese people to its very legitimate liberties and to its most cherished traditions will prevail sooner or later over the ideology by which it is at present held down and cowed, but whose human and material fiasco is there for all to see.

An act of hope also in our capacity to mobilize throughout the world, in the service of a noble cause, a clear enough perception to profess that history is not a succession of misadventures, and a strong enough determination to expose the myth of the irreversibility of totalitarianism.

It is no overstatement to declare that this act of faith and act of hope have here and now aroused echoes exceeding all our expectations.

A large number of testimonies of sympathy, approval and proposals for support are reaching us from Europe, the United States and Canada. And our action, which has hardly started, is already graced with an Honorary Committee on which sit many leading personalities anxious, like ourselves to inform international public opinion on the real situation prevailing in Vietnam and wishing, like ourselves, to work for the respect or restoration of human rights and basic liberties in South Asia.

The ICFDV has been placed under the patronage of the Honorary Committee and is directed by a Permanent Delegation possessing management and administrative powers.

Specialized commissions will have the task to organize meetings between experts, to undertake the necessary studies, to arrange for their publication and to prepare our conference cycles.

Liaison offices which have already been set up in Europe, in the United States, in Canada and in Australia will have the task to undertake the distribution of our studies and collect the expressions of support.

These expressions have of necessity an individual character, the ICFDV not wishing to interfere with the projects of movements possibly pursuing objectives similar to its own but by other means, nor to identify itself with the action of any particular organ.

The ICFDV by wishing to be a meeting place and exchange centre for all those feeling concern for the fate of Vietnam and South Asia and by discharging the information task it has set itself, is convinced that it is contributing usefully to the mobilization of the energies for renewal and for a future of freedom.

Without any illusions as to the difficulties to be overcome along the way, but without any hesitation concerning the goal to pursue and the possibility to attain it, the INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC VIETNAM assigns itself the mission of informing the international public about the true situation prevailing in Vietnam, in light of the permanent importance of human rights and fundamental freedoms. It will toil to promote all initiatives aimed at favoring the respect of international laws and international conventions in Southeast Asia. In fulfilling this mission of information which meets present as well as future needs, the I.C.F.D.V appeals to the active sympathy and support of all free men.

AN ACT OF FAITH AND HOPE

*by P.Vanerkhouen
President I.C.F.D.V*

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VIETNAM'S DAY IN A PERESTROIKA SUN MUST NOW COME

Excerpt from an address by David Kilgour, M.P. and the President of the Canadian Chapter of the I.C.F.D.V on the occasion of the inauguration of the Canadian Chapter of the I.C.F.D.V on 8 Dec. 1989 at Parliament Hill, Ottawa.

"... Fourteen years after its military victory over the South, Hanoi faces economic ruin everywhere. Even party officials now understand the failed economic policies, wooden dogmatism, international isolation, and mass political disaffection in every corner of the nation. As many of you must be thinking, 'If the people of China are by the millions now openly in the streets calling for democratic reforms, how much stronger must the same impulse be among the Vietnamese people, many of whom engaged both liberty and democracy until 1976'.

Vietnam's problems of pre-industrial poverty, widespread unemployment and underemployment and high inflation will obviously not be solved easily. Nor can any viable solutions be successfully implemented in a country where human rights abuses are still common practice, where many of the estimated 10,000 of approximately 40,000 South Vietnamese men and women originally sentenced to long-term jail sentences after 1975 are still in labour camps, where many thousands are still kept in re-education camps, and where it is impossible for one to practice openly any religion.

The real tragedy of historic Vietnam is still measured in the thousands of people who continue to seek new lives beyond the reach of Hanoi. By foot and by boat, incredibly brave men, women and children continue to reach for safe refuge in neighboring countries. Canada's response to this human tragedy has been excellent. Since the fall of Saigon, more than 100,000 Vietnamese refugees found homes in our country. They settled in Ottawa and other cities across Canada where after initial problems relating to language, culture, climate and homesickness they are successfully adapting to a new life in Canadian society.

Vietnam's loss is, of course, Canada's gain just as the people who left or fled dozens of other countries around the world in the past have helped to make Canada what it is today: one of the most desired homelands on earth.

Today there is new hope for Vietnam as the global movement for democracy and human rights and sustainable economic development gains

momentum. Events in Latin America, Asia, Africa and in most of the Communist bloc demonstrate a world in which the universal democratic impulse is growing daily more strong, not weaker, and where the existence of democratic systems or incipient democratic forms is becoming more, not less prevalent.

Today, in considerable measure thanks to Mikhail Gorbachev, democratic possibilities exist that were unthinkable only a few years ago. This defines the opportunity. Democrats with a small d the world over must rise to the challenge. It is through the actions of people like you and the organizations like The International Committee for a Free and Democratic Vietnam that this challenge can be fairly presented to the Vietnamese people. We have now an opportunity to seize the opening created by glasnost and perestroika in the Communist bloc to advance the cause of Vietnam and other nations seeking the right to self-determination and to realize more fully the objectives of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights ..."

LIST OF CURRENT AND FORMER HONORARY MEMBERS

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The Late Mr. James Hilary FLEMMING	Air Vice Marshall
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The Late Mr. TRẦN Văn Lắm	Former Governor of South Vietnam (1954); former Chairman of the Constituent Assembly of the Republic of Vietnam (1956); former Minister of Foreign Affairs (1953-1973); former Chairman of the Senate (1974-1975)
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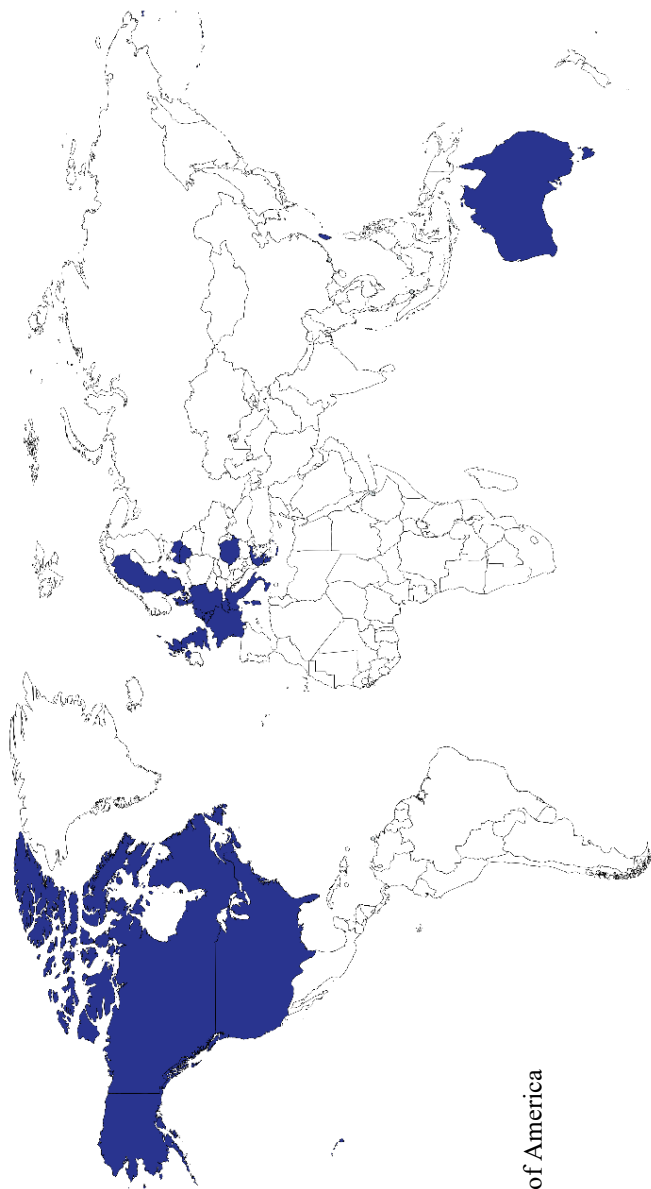
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The Late Mr. John O'BRIEN	Speaker, Pro-Tempore House of Representatives, Washington State
Mr. Sam REED	Former Secretary of State of Washington, Auditor, Washington State
Mr. Charles ROYER	Former Mayor of Seattle
Mrs. Lu RYDEN	San Jose City Council Woman, California
Mr. Jesus SANCHEZ	Chairman of the Hispanic Professional Association
Mr. Ron SIMS	Former Chairman of King County, Washington State
Mr. Brian TALBOTT	Former Superintendent of Public Instruction, Washington State
Senator Craig THOMAS Professor James Tyson	
Rev. THÍCH Giac Duc	Former Secretary General of the Vietnamese Unified Buddhist Church; Founder and Chairman of the University Buddhist Congregation
The Late Ven. THIÊN Dung Subalo	Former General Secretary of the Theravada Sangha in the Republic of Vietnam; Professor of Buddhist Philosophy at the Jotica College, University of Chulalongkomraja, Bangkok
The Late Mrs. Kay TINNER	Chairperson of the American Freedom Foundation
Mr. TRẦN Huu Phuc	Chairman of the Movement of Support for the I.C.F.V. in San Jose, California

The Late Mr. TRẦN Van Nhut	Former one-star General; former Chief of Staff of the Marines of the Republic of Vietnam; former Premier of the Province of Binh Long; Defender of An Loc
The Late Gen. Vang PAO	Vice Chairman of the United Front of Liberation of Laos
Mr. Chuck YATES	Former Prosecuting Attorney of King County
Mr. Stephen YOUNG	Former Advisor of the State Department and Vice Dean of the School of Law, Harvard University
The Late Colonel Bob CHANNON (ret.)	Coordinator – USA Chapter
General Larry WILLIAMS	Vice-Chair – USA Chapter
Ms. Jackie-Bong WRIGHT	Writer
Ambassador Wolfe LEHMANN	Vice-Chair, USA Chapter
Mr. David SATTER	Honorary Member - USA Chapter; Journalist
Dr. TRAN Thuan	ICFV USA Chapter – Houston
Mrs. TRAM Hy	ICFV USA Chapter - Houston
Mr. LE Phat Minh	President of the Alliance for Democracy in Vietnam - Houston
Mrs. Phuong NGO	Assistant International Coordinator, ICFV Chapter - Boston
TAIWAN	
Dr. Albert LIN	ICFV Chair – Taiwan Chapter
Dr. CHEN	Taiwanese Organization
Dr. Michael Tsai	Former Minister of Defense
Dr. Michael Kan	Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
Dr. Peter Lin	Professor

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Honorary Members of ICFV representing all chapters in the world - Front left to right: General Lawrence Williams (USA), Dr. Stan Dromisky, M.P. (Canada), Ms. Colleen Beaumier M.P. (Canada), Sen. Johan Weys (Europe), Lawyer Johan Jonckheere (Belgium). Back: H.E Ambassador Wolf Lehman (USA), Sen Jim Short (Australia), Mr. Derek Lee M.P. (Canada), Dr. Professor Stephen B. Young (USA), Mr. Peter Maffit (USA).



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Mr. Thanh Hai Ngo International General Coordinator, introduced the ICFV to the ADV and read the Resolution of the ICFV Conference on behalf of the members and the Chair.





top: Senator Jim Short (Australia) with 2 delegates: Mr. Truong Minh Hoang (left) and Mr. Nguyen T. Van both from Australia.

bottom: Senator Jim Short (Australia) with delegates from Houston, New York, Massachusetts and California.



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The Hon. David Kilgour, Secretary of State for Asia (Pacific) met with Dr. Nguyen Dinh Loc, Minister of Justice of Vietnam, as per Mr. Ngo Thanh Hai's, (Executive Director and International Coordinator for the ICFV) request to discuss the release of Prof. Nguyen Dinh Huy. Following this meeting, the Hon. David Kilgour met with Mr. Ngo to brief him of the outcome of that meeting.

Mr. Ngo Thanh Hai, The Hon. Bill Graham (Minister of Foreign Affairs) and The Hon. David Kilgour met to discuss Canada's policies relating to its relationship with Vietnam.



A successful 2-day meeting was planned with Parliamentarians and Ministers on Parliament Hill to discuss the violation of freedom and basic human rights for the monks, nuns and followers of the Unified Buddhist Church of Vietnam.



Following their meeting with the Hon. John Manley, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Hai Ngo received a letter from the Hon. Manley stating that he met with his counterparts to discuss the MUPBD as well as the on-going efforts for the release of Prof. Nguyen Dinh Huy.

Another meeting has been scheduled once the House is sitting in September



Meetings in Edmonton



Dr. Dromisky, his wife Peggy and his executive assistant Ms. Ursula Uyen Ngo were in Edmonton for the National Liberal Caucus Meeting. During the trip, they took this opportunity to meet with The Most Venerable Thich Thien Tam and the Vietnamese Communities.

Mr. Ngo Thanh Hai joined them in Edmonton to meet with members of the ICFV and the ADV.



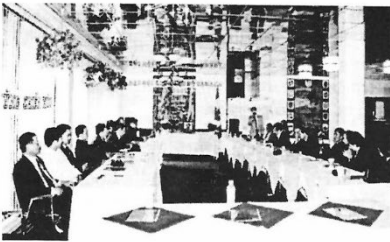
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ADV - CANADA CHAPTER

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Congratulations to Mr. Le Minh Tuan who has been elected President of the Alliance for Democracy in Vietnam (ADV) - Canada Chapter as well as the newly elected Executive Board Members.

The ICFV & the ADV have had a close working relationship for some time and I look forward to continuing this wonderful partnership.



A special thank you to Mr. Nguyen Tan Hach, President of the Le Van Hung Association for his on-going support and co-operation. His assistance in gathering information regarding the massacres in Hue and Quang Tri has helped me tremendously.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to send me your publication *TIEN TUYEN* on an on-going basis. It has helped me stay current with the events in the Vietnamese Communities and for that I thank you!