

**PRIME MINISTER**

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Hanoi, 24 May, 2017

## **DECISION**

**ON ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE ON MINE ACTION  
AND POST - WAR TOXIC CHEMICALS IN VIETNAM**

### **THE PRIME MINISTER**

*Pursuant to Law on organization of the Government dated 19 June 2015;*

*Pursuant to Decision No.34/2007 dated 12 March, 2007 of the Prime Minister on promulgating the regulations of establishment and operation of interdisciplinary organizations;*

*Pursuant to Decision No. 504/QĐ-TTg dated 21 April, 2010 of the Prime Minister on approval of National Mine Action Program for the period 2010-2025;*

*Pursuant to Decision No. 651/QĐ-TTg dated 01 June 2012 of the Prime Minister on approval of the national action plan to address consequences of toxic chemicals used by the U.S during wartime in Vietnam to 2015 and oriented to 2020;*

*In review of the Proposal of the Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Defense*

### **HEREBY DECIDES:**

**Article 1.** To establish the National Steering Committee on mine action and post - war toxic chemicals in Vietnam (hereinafter referred to as the Steering Committee) on the basis of the National Steering Committee on Mine action and National Steering Committee on addressing consequences of toxic chemicals used by the U.S during wartime in Vietnam, with the following members:

1. Head: Prime Minister

2. Deputy Head:

- Minister of Defense, Deputy Head of the Standing Office;
- Minister of Natural Resources and Environment;
- Minister of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs;
- Minister, Chairman/Chairwoman of the Office of the Government.

3. Members:

- Deputy Minister of Defense (Standing member);
- Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environment;
- Deputy Minister Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs;
- Deputy Minister of Science and Technology;

- Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs;
- Deputy Minister of Health;
- Deputy Minister of Public Security;
- Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment;
- Deputy Minister of Finance;
- Deputy Minister of Information and Communications;
- Deputy Minister of Justice;
- Head of Vietnam Union of Friendship Organizations

Within 15 days since this Decision enters into force, the above mentioned agencies shall send the list of Deputy Ministers and Head of the Vietnam Union of Friendship Organizations participating in the Committee to the Head of the Steering Committee and its Standing Board (Ministry of Defense).

**Article 2. Mandates and authorities of the Steering Committee**

1. Study and propose to the Prime Minister directions and solutions for dealing with crucial and interdisciplinary issues concerning mine action and post-war toxic chemicals; solutions for advocating and mobilizing both domestic and international resources for addressing consequences of landmine/UXO and post-war toxic chemical in Vietnam.
2. Assist the Prime Minister in directing development of 5 year and annual plan concerning the implementation the national program on mine action and post-war toxic chemical; coordinate the implementation of work on mine action and addressing consequences of post-war toxic chemicals as provided in approved programs and plans among relevant ministries, ministerial and Governmental agencies and People's Committees of concerning provinces and central-affiliated cities..
3. Assist the Prime Minister in urging the relevant ministries, ministerial and Governmental agencies and People's Committees of concerning provinces and cities to address interdisciplinary issues concerning mine action and post-war toxic chemicals.
4. Develop periodical and non-periodical reports concerning implementation of mine action and addressing consequences of post-war toxic chemicals in Vietnam.
5. Perform other tasks as assigned by the Prime Minister.

**Article 3. Working mechanism of the Steering Committee**

1. The working terms of reference of the Steering Committee shall be decided by Head of the Steering Committee.
2. Members of the Steering Committee shall work on part-time basis.
3. The Head shall use the seal of the Prime Minister; Deputy Heads shall use the seals of the agencies where they are working.
4. In case of changing the representative members participating in the Steering Committee, the concerning agency shall submit a reporting document to the Head of Committee to timely adjust and complement the membership of the Committee.

**Article 4. Standing Board of the Steering Committee**

The Steering Committee shall have its Standing Board allocated in the Ministry of Defense. The Deputy Minister of Defense – Standing member of the Committee shall be head of the Board. There shall be also a Standing Office to the Standing Board of the Committee.

**Article 5.** Operational budget of the Steering Committee

1. Operational budget of the Steering Committee shall be covered by the State budget and included in the annual State budget estimates of the Ministry of Defense.
2. Operational budget of the Steering Committee shall be used for its activities such as organizing meetings, seminars, workshops and conducting research, surveys, and providing essential materials for its members as per regulations.

**Article 6.** Entry into force

This decision shall enter into force from the date of signing; annulling Decision No. 2338/QD-TTg dated 22 December, 2010 of the Prime Minister on the establishment of the National Steering Committee for the National Mine action Program and Decision No. 251/2005 / QD-TTg dated 12 October, 2005 of the Prime Minister on strengthening the organizational structure of the National Steering Committee on post-war toxic chemicals used by the United States during wartime in Vietnam.

**Article 7.** Implementation

Relevant ministers, heads of ministerial agencies and Governmental agencies, chairpersons People's Committees of concerning provinces and central-affiliated cities and members of the Steering Committee as mentioned in Article 1 shall bear the responsibility of implementing this Decision./.

**To:**

- Secretariat of the Party Central Committee;
- Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Ministers;
- Ministries, ministry – level agencies, Government agencies;
- People's Assembly and People's committee of provinces and central-affiliated cities;
- Government office and Departments of Party;
- General secretary office;
- Office of the President;
- Office of the National Assembly;
- Ethnic Council and Committees of the National Assembly;
- National Audit;
- National Financial Supervisory Commission;
- The Vietnam Fatherland Front Central Committee;
- Bank for Social Policies;
- Vietnam Development Bank;
- Central agencies of unions;
- Government office: Minister, Deputy Minister, Assistant of PM, Head of information portal, Departments, Government units, Official Gazette;
- For filing: VT, NC(3 copies).

**PRIME MINISTER**

Signed and sealed

**Nguyen Xuan Phuc**

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