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**Resolution of the 21st Plenum of the Party Central
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Summary:

Resolution of the 21st Plenum of the Party Central Committee detailing the tasks of strengthening socialism and national defense in North Vietnam while continuing the South Vietnam revolution, ensuring strict enforcement of the Paris Agreement.

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The Glorious Victory of the Resistance War against the Americans to Save the Nation and the Mission of the South Vietnamese Revolution during the Coming Phase

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4. North Vietnam's Responsibility toward the South Vietnamese Revolution

Completing the liberation of our nation is the common revolutionary mission of our entire nation. Liberating South Vietnam, completing the national democratic revolution in South Vietnam, and defending and building socialism in North Vietnam are intimately linked with one another. That is the current law of development of the revolutionary cause of our entire nation. More than ever before, we must maintain a firm understanding of that law in order to carry out our revolutionary mission aimed at the common goal of defeating the U.S. neocolonialism in South Vietnam, of liberating South Vietnam in order to consolidate and strengthen North Vietnam, and of consolidating and building North Vietnam in order to liberate South Vietnam, advancing toward the peaceful unification of the Fatherland.

We must exploit the current favorable conditions in order to restore and develop a national people's economy suited toward our political responsibilities during the new phase, cause the Socialist North to make rapid progress on all fronts so that it constantly serves as the solid foundation and source of support for our revolutionary struggle aimed at achieving independence and democracy in South Vietnam and advancing toward the peaceful unification of the Fatherland.

While stepping up its building of socialism and its strengthening of national defense, North Vietnam must continue to fully carry out its duty as the great rear area for the South Vietnam revolution and must actively struggle to ensure that the Paris Agreement on Vietnam is strictly enforced.

We must increase support to the South Vietnamese revolution on all fronts: support for the political struggle, economic support, military support, and diplomatic support. We must contribute to the building and development of the [South Vietnamese] liberated zone in all respects: economic, cultural, transportation and supply, and national defense. North Vietnam must develop a comprehensive plan to support the South Vietnamese revolution in any and all eventualities.

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