

# SEVERAL MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT THE TASK OF PROTECTING THE COUNTRY FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF VIETNAM: "EARLY AND PROACTIVELY"

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## ABSTRACT

*Defending the Fatherland "early and proactively" is the totality of activities of the Communist Party of Vietnam, the State, the armed forces, the whole political system, and the whole people in actively preparing the country in all aspects in advance, even in peacetime to build defense and security potentials; proactively prevent, handle, repel and eliminate factors that may develop into threats and challenges to the independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of the Fatherland, the country's political stability, national interests, as well as a peaceful and stable environment for sustainable development of the country in the socialist-oriented direction, not to be passive or unexpected in any situation.*

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### 1. THE VIEW OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF VIETNAM ON NATIONAL DEFENSE "EARLY AND PROACTIVELY"

The method of protecting the Fatherland "early and proactively" must be proactively carried out, taking prevention and preventing the risk of war and conflict as the main thing. The method of protecting the Fatherland "early and proactively" is to actively, resolutely, and persistently struggle not only to prevent wars of aggression from the outside, but also to detect and promptly handle adverse factors, especially those at risk of mutations, and to step up the fight to defeat all plots and counter-destructive activities of hostile forces.

For the first time in the official document of a congress, the plan is to proactively protect the Fatherland in peacetime, early and proactively; water retention since water danger has not been established. In the political report of the 12th National Congress, Section on tasks and orientations to strengthen national defense and security, the Communist Party of Vietnam (Party) determined: "Have a plan to prevent the risks of war and conflict early and proactively. Proactively

prevent and detect early and eliminate unfavorable factors, especially internal factors that can cause mutations".

At the 13th Party Congress, this strategy was supplemented and developed: "Striving to prevent conflicts and wars and settle disputes by peaceful means by international law. Resolutely and persistently struggle to firmly protect independence, and sovereignty, and unify the integrity of the territory, airspace, and sea. Maintain a peaceful and stable environment for development".

Previously, at the 8th Plenum of the Party Central Committee, term XI, this plan was established in the Resolution of the Central Committee on the strategy to protect the Fatherland in the new situation. Therefore, the plan to proactively defend the Fatherland in peacetime, early and proactively, to defend the country from before the country is in danger is the result of a new development in the Party's theoretical thinking on defense and security, target partners, and national defense in the new situation. This plan is the inheritance of the lesson of "keeping the country since the country is not in danger" of our nation in

the history of nation-building and defense, creatively applying Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thought in the new situation. This plan is formed based on correct assessment, assessment, and forecast of the situation, situation, and development trends of the world, region, and country; to associate the cause of national defense with comprehensive construction and renovation, international integration, and national development.

The view of protecting the Fatherland "early and proactively" is the thought and action of the Party, the State, and the people that need to be done in advance, to detect, prevent, repel, and destroy the plots and actions against the regime, infringing upon the sovereignty, territory, national interests, not letting the Fatherland be passive, unexpected, maintaining a peaceful and stable social environment.

## **2. CONTENTS OF THE PARTY'S STANCE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE "EARLY AND PROACTIVELY"**

Defending the Fatherland "early and proactively" includes four main contents:

Firstly, proactively detect, research, and analyze, thereby making accurate forecasts, close to the world, regional, and domestic situation. This is very important content because it is proactively detected early, with accurate and timely research, evaluation, analysis, and forecast, then there are scientific and practical arguments for the Party and State to set out defense and security guidelines and policies in foreign affairs to protect the Fatherland. The current situation in the world and the region is evolving rapidly and is complex, potentially causing many destabilizing and unpredictable risks, requiring improved capacity for information processing, forecasting, strategic advice, proactively grasping the situation, timely detecting and fighting to defeat all counter-plots of hostile and reactionary forces at home and abroad. Actively prevent the risks of war and conflict "early and proactively"; early detection and timely handling of adverse factors, especially risk factors for mutations; step up the struggle to defeat all plots and sabotage activities of hostile forces, contributing to victory in the cause of building socialism in Vietnam.

Second, proactively build potentials, forces, and posture of all-people national defense, people's

security posture, and a strong position of people's hearts. Building strong political-spiritual, economic, military, scientific-technological, and foreign potentials. Building the armed forces: Building the people's army, the modern elite regular revolutionary people's police. Build a strong and high-quality reserve force. Building a strong and widespread militia and self-defense force with an appropriate number, attaching importance to the maritime militia and self-defense forces in key areas. Build the all-people defense posture, the people's security posture, and the people's heart-warming posture.

Third, promote synergy to defend the Fatherland "early and proactively": To mobilize, gather, and bring into full play the power of political factors. The spirit, ideology - culture, national defense, and security, economy, foreign affairs, the strength of the great national unity bloc, and the whole political system. Combining internal and external strength, national strength with the strength of the times, taking full advantage of the consensus and support of the world's people and enhancing the country's prestige and position.

Fourthly, defending the Fatherland early means that in terms of time, it must be protected in advance, must actively prevent, and actively prepare conditions to firmly defend the Fatherland in peacetime, when the country has not had war or danger. Protecting the Fatherland "early and proactively" means that in terms of space, we must actively protect it from outside the country's territory. The method of protecting the Fatherland "early and proactively" must be proactively carried out, taking prevention and preventing the risk of war and conflict as the main thing. The method of protecting the Fatherland "early and proactively" is to be proactive, resolute, and persistent in fighting not only to prevent wars of aggression from the outside, but also to detect and promptly handle adverse factors, especially those at risk of mutation, and to step up the fight to defeat all plots and counter-destructive activities of hostile forces.

## **3. SEVERAL MEASURES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TASK OF PROTECTING THE FATHERLAND "EARLY AND PROACTIVELY" FROM THE PARTY'S POINT OF VIEW**

In the current period, to contribute to the successful implementation of the task of defending

the Fatherland "early and proactively"; implementation of "keeping water since the water is not in danger", it is necessary to focus on well implementing the following contents:

Firstly, building a sense of national defense "early and proactively" for all classes of people, in which focusing on education for revolutionary ideals, arousing the desire to devote to Vietnamese students.

It is necessary to regularly educate and thoroughly grasp the Party's viewpoints, lines, and policies on defending the Fatherland "early and proactively"; "preserving the country since the country is not in danger." So that every citizen has full awareness of the Party's strategic vision, initiative, and creativity in the cause of national construction and defense. God takes the initiative to protect the country, but generations always keep the mountains and rivers, affirm the independence, and preserve the sovereignty of the territory and national borders.

Students are an advanced part of the youth - the future revolutionary generation of the country. The country's prosperity or decline, weakness or strength is largely due to the youth, including students. They are qualified young intellectuals who have big dreams and ambitions, are dynamic, creative, dare to think, dare to do, are enthusiastic, and also very sensitive in life. Therefore, in higher education institutions, it is necessary to regularly do well in educating revolutionary ideals, arousing the desire to devote themselves to Vietnamese students. Revolutionary ideal education for students is an activity affecting students' awareness to strengthen their belief in the Party's revolutionary cause, and arouse students' aspirations and aspirations to dedicate themselves to the revolutionary goal.

So that students not only have the right sense and motivation to study, but also live with ideals and ambitions, have political courage, and have the desire to dedicate themselves to the cause of national construction and defense. Therefore, it is necessary to strengthen the leadership role of Party committees at all levels in schools for the educational work of revolutionary ideals for students; it is necessary to innovate the contents, methods, and forms of moral education, cultural lifestyle, and life skills for students; raise awareness and sense of responsibility of the Youth Union and Student Associations at all levels about

the importance of educational revolutionary ideals and ideological orientation for students in the new situation; promote positivity, self-discipline, initiative, arouse students' desire for dedication.

Second, Build national defense and security potentials to protect the Fatherland

Building national defense and security potentials and defending the country is an important and regular task. Strengthen national defense and security potentials, build and strongly promote the "people's heart posture" in the all-people national defense and people's security; building and firmly consolidate the all-people defense posture and the people's security posture. In the current revolutionary period, to build national defense and security potential, and contribute to the implementation of the task of protecting the Fatherland "early and proactively" is necessary to synchronously implement the following basic solutions:

Strengthening the training of national defense and security knowledge for the entire people, first of all, key officials at all levels and branches in the political system and students. Disseminate basic issues on the construction and operation of the defense area to the subjects, especially key officials at the provincial and district levels.

Continue to build the People's Army, the revolutionary People's Public Security, regular, elite, step by step modernize, improve the combat strength, really the political force, the loyal and reliable fighting force of the Party, State, and people, the core force for the defense of the Fatherland. Firmly consolidate all-people national defense and people's security, and build a strong people's armed forces with high combat power. Implement synchronously and unify the cause of building and developing a rich and powerful country, associated with building the all-people national defense and solid people's security. Strengthening the national defense and security potential, especially building the political-spiritual potential, "the posture of the people's hearts"; closely combines the all-people defense posture with the people's security posture.

Carefully prepare plans to mobilize talents and material for defense and security tasks when necessary. Formulate a plan to ensure uniform and synchronous national defense and security from peacetime, and promptly adjust it when there is war; ready to shift the economy to

wartime. Improve the quality of building comprehensively solid provincial and city defense zones. Closely combining socioeconomic development with strengthening national defense and security and defending the Fatherland must be reflected in development strategies, master plans, and plans in each field and region. Develop a unified and synchronous plan to ensure national defense and security from peacetime and promptly adjust it when there is a risk of war, ready to mobilize all potentials and resources of the country to ensure national defense and security.

Completing and adjusting mechanisms, policies, and strategies for the development of a modern and dual-use defense and security industry, becoming a spearhead in the national industry towards independence and self-reliance. To step up the application of scientific and technological achievements of the Fourth Industrial Revolution in research and development activities, create transformational steps, and form breakthrough products in science and technology; renew production technology, repair, improve and modernize weapons and technical equipment.

Third, to step up the work of national defense and security in the locality

To bring into full play the synergy of the whole nation, combining the strength of the times to defend the Fatherland. The all-people national defense is associated with the all-people defense posture and the people's security posture continues to be strengthened; The strength in all aspects of the People's Army and the People's Public Security is constantly being improved.

The work of national defense and security in the locality is an important part of the entire cause of building and consolidating national defense and security of the Party and State, which is carried out in localities to organize and mobilize all classes of people to participate; contributing to building and strengthening the potential, strength, and posture of all-people national defense and people's security, building a strong people's armed forces, contributing to the successful realization of the goal of firmly defending the country's independence, sovereignty, unification and territorial integrity, and protecting the Party, State, people and socialist regime of our country.

In order to meet the new and higher requirements for national defense and security work in the

locality, in order to firmly protect the Fatherland "early and proactively", local Party committees, authorities, agencies and mass organizations need to focus on solving a number of the following measures: Constantly strengthening the direct leadership in all aspects of the local Party committees for national defense and security work in the locality; improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the management of the authorities at all levels for the work of national defense and security in the locality; to build a clean, strong local military and public party committee with high combat strength, to meet the requirements of leadership, direction and advice to the Party committees and authorities in leading, directing, managing and directing the implementation of national defense and security work in the locality; leading the building of military agencies and a strong contingent of military and police officers in the locality, capable of serving as advisors to the Party committees and authorities in leading, directing, managing and directing the implementation of national defense and security work in the locality.

Fourth, strengthen international cooperation in defense and security to meet the requirements of national defense.

During the revolutionary struggle, the Communist Party of Vietnam (the Party) has always paid attention to building and expanding international solidarity and cooperation to mobilize synergy to win and maintain the country's independence and reunification. Over the past 30 years, the Party has led the country to deepen international integration, focusing on defense and security cooperation, contributing to the successful implementation of the foreign policy of openness, multi-lateralization, and diversification of international relations, creating and consolidating a peaceful and stable environment to firmly defend the Fatherland "early and proactively".

In the coming years, the forecast of the situation in the world and the region will continue to have great changes, which develop rapidly, complicatedly, and difficult to predict. Accordingly, the situation in the world and the country has both advantages, opportunities, and difficulties, and challenges are intertwined, posing many new problems, and heavier and more complicated new requirements for the cause of national construction and defense. That requires strengthening international cooperation in

defense and security, some basic requirements are: Defense and security cooperation must contribute to maintaining the revolutionary goals and path chosen by the Party, President Ho Chi Minh, and our people; defense and security cooperation always follows the line and foreign policy of the Party and State, under the leadership of the Party and management of the State; step up bilateral cooperation, raise the level of multilateral cooperation in defense and security, create synergy to firmly defend the Fatherland; defense and security cooperation must be active, proactive, firm, flexible and effective.

To well fulfill the above requirements, it is necessary to perform the following tasks: To continue to thoroughly grasp and effectively implement the Party's guidelines and guidelines, the State's policies and laws on international integration, and foreign defense and security. During the implementation process, one must always be firm in principle, flexible and flexible in strategy, maintain independence and autonomy in cooperation, be creative in implementation; Actively research, forecast, and firmly grasp developments in the world and the region and effectively participate in cooperation mechanisms and frameworks; To promote the achievements in defense and security cooperation to raise the level of thinking, action, flexibility, creativity, certainty and efficiency in defense and security cooperation with partners. Continue to promote propaganda on international cooperation and foreign affairs for defense and security with rich, diverse, and flexible contents and forms; focusing on foreign affairs activities of leaders at all levels, initiatives and contributions of Vietnam at regional and international multilateral military, defense and security conferences and forums.

#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

While the current situation in the world and the region is complicated, there are many opportunities, but there are also potential risks of instability and unpredictability, along with increasing non-traditional security challenges for our country, especially the plots and tricks of "peaceful evolution", promoting "self-evolution" and "self-transformation" of hostile forces. In that context, the task of protecting the Fatherland "early and proactively" is the guiding thought, consistent viewpoint, and action throughout the entire Party, people, and army; is a great plan, and is the overall strategy to preserve the country

today. Thoroughly grasping and well implementing the above-mentioned measures will contribute to the defense of the Fatherland "early and proactively". This is also the realization of the goal of firmly defending the Fatherland in peacetime, avoiding war; is the top policy to protect the socialist Vietnamese Fatherland.

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