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INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR AGENT ORANGE VICTIMS MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY TO VIETNAM'S AGENT ORANGE VICTIMS

On the occasion of Agent Orange Day, the Vietnam Agent Orange Relief & Responsibility Campaign sends its warmest solidarity to all sisters and brothers assembled at this important commemoration – *Justice and Heart* – today in Hanoi, Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

On behalf of all peace and justice loving American people, our Campaign pledges unwavering support for the cause of justice and compensation for Vietnam's Agent Orange victims! We stand with you and your representative, the Vietnam Association for Victims of Agent Orange/Dioxin, in your lawsuit against the U.S. chemical manufacturers who must be held accountable for the suffering they have caused. And we salute the many Agent Orange survivors who have struggled so hard and achieved so much for their families and their country.

We share the sorrow of all those assembled at the loss of so many who have succumbed to the ravages of Agent Orange and those who live with severe disabilities. We are heartbroken at the recent deaths of our dear friends, Nguyen Thi Hong and Nguyen Van Quy, who were part of a recent delegation to the U.S. that we organized. Sister Hong and Brother Quy exemplified your courage, determination and indeed great *heart*.

We miss Sister Hong and Brother Quy as we miss a member of our Campaign's leadership who died at the end of 2006 of Agent Orange cancer – Joan Duffy. She was a Vietnam veteran – a nurse who had spent her life dedicated to attaining justice for U.S. and Vietnamese Agent Orange victims. The American people are so moved that Sisters Hong and Joan and Brother Quy spent the last months of their precious lives fighting for compensation and healing the wounds of war for Vietnam's Agent Orange sufferers. We pledge to follow their example and to never give up until victory is won!

We believe that it is the duty of both the U.S. chemical manufacturers AND our government to provide compensation to the more than 3 million victims of Agent Orange and to clean up all of the places where Dioxin remains in the ecosystem. In the U.S. we the people are taking the lead in demand that the companies and government fulfill this responsibility.

We treasure our strong friendship with the Vietnam Association for Victims of Agent Orange/Dioxin, with whom we have worked to educate and mobilize the masses of Americans. And we are proud to be part of a growing international movement which WILL achieve justice for Agent Orange victims and end the use of chemical weapons from Vietnam to Iraq!

Here today you are the conscience of the world! You are a testament to the enduring power of hope! We send you our respect, our admiration and our love! We extend our warmest wishes to all those present today for the health and happiness of you and your families.

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