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Since the successive fall of the respective Northern provinces, our government has lost its basis and the people have no place to turn to. We and our comrades could not remain indifferent to the situation and mustering men under one banner, have established the Provisional Government. What is meant by the so-called term 'provisional' is most obvious. The reason why the government has not yet selected a chief executive is because of a desire to get a person of wisdom and ability for its leader that the Government still leaves the honourable position in vacancy. Fortunately with the aid of and in cooperation with our friendly nation, Japan, we have arisen newly as much as we have today. To read the words of excessive praise for we comrades of this government the estimable statement announced by Mr. Wang Ching-wei, we are indeed overwhelmed with shame. The fact that the nation faces a national crisis is as seen above while the suffering of the people has not yet ceased. Our desire will be satisfied if only we shall be able to gain peace. There absolutely no doubt about it. In this we announce our real intention.

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I, Yukio Kawamoto, of the Defense Language Branch, hereby certify that the foregoing translation described in the above certificate is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a correct translation and is as near as possible to the meaning of the original document.

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