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SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

Decision establishes certain objectives, with the basic principle being world peace based on "HAKKO ITCHIU" and Japan as the core of a New Order in East Asia.

Defense and diplomacy shall be closely allied, with an armament sufficient to carry out the national policy.

In internal affairs, devotion to the State and unification of State policy shall be encouraged.

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I, TAKAHASHI Michitoshi hereby certify that I am officially connected with the Japanese Government in the following capacity: Secretary of Cabinet

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I further certify that the attached record and document is an official document of the Japanese Government, and that it is part of the official archives and files of the following named ministry or department (specifying also the file number or citation, if any, or any other official designation of the regular location of the document in the archives or files): Cabinet

Signed at Tokyo on this 26th day of July, 1946.

M. Takahashi  
Signature of Official

Witness: R. Kuriyama

Secretary of Cabinet  
Official Capacity



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Signed at Tokyo on this 26th day of July, 1946

Edward L. Monaghan  
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This batch of documents consisting of ten pages comprises two statements. One represents a decision passed at the Cabinet meeting as assembled on July 26, 1940 and the other announcement made on August 1st <sup>was</sup> is identical in every respect with the decision of July 26, 1940. Hence this is a scanning on the first document only.

N.B. The only difference between the two is that while the former has no title, the latter has the following heading:  
"Essentials of the State Policy".

Y. Tasaki

Decision Passed at the Cabinet Meeting  
Assembled on July 26, Showa 15th (1940). 75

Historically, the world is now coming to a great turning point. It is about to witness a creation of a new /form of/ politics, economy and culture to be founded on the formation and development of a group of several nations. In order to materialize the state policy which represents that lofty ancestral spirit thoroughly at this juncture, we should have a control over the turn of the inevitable event which the world history develops. Reforms shall be required in all phases of our administrative policies. It is a pressing need of the present to force the perfection of defence and national policy against all difficulties. Hence the essentials of the basic state policy outlined in the following.

( Translated in full)

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1. Basic Principle.

Establishment of the world's peace based on "HAKO ICHU" and the New Order in Greater East Asia where Imperial Japan forms the core.

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2. Defense and Diplomacy.

X Armament sufficient to carry out the national policy ✓  
to satisfaction shall be filled to its measure.

Diplomacy shall hinge upon the establishment of the New Order giving priority to settlement of the China Incident.

(p.2)

3. Improvement <sup>on</sup> Internals.

A thorough improvement on state policy shall be carried out by establishing the following means:-

1. The spirit of devotion to State first.
2. Unification of State policy.
3. Establishment of defence and economy on the autonomy of Japan-Manchukuo-China centered in Japan.

(p.4)

4. There shall be a fundamental measure executed in providing means and imparting quality to the people - the very prime-mover of the State policy together with improvement on physiques. A permanent policy should be established towards the increase of population and above all, a basic measure should be set up to stabilize and develop agriculture and agriculturists.
5. Inequal shares in the shouldering of sacrifices by the people due to the execution of the State policy shall be adjusted and out-and-out welfare measures should be schemed out, etc.

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昭和一九三六年  
閣議決定

世界ハ今ヤ歴史の一大轉機ニ際會シ數個ノ國家群ノ生成發展ヲ基調ト  
 スル新ナル政治經濟文化ノ創成ヲ見ントシ、皇國亦有史以來ノ大試鍊  
 ニ直面ス、コノ秋ニ當リ眞ニ肇國ノ大精神ニ基ク皇國ノ國是ヲ完遂セ  
 ントヒハ右世界史的發展ノ必然的動向ヲ把握シテ庶政百般ニ亘リ速ニ  
 根本的刷新ヲ加ヘ萬難ヲ排シテ國防國家體制ノ完成ニ邁進スルコトヲ  
 以テ刻下喫緊ノ要務トス、依ツテ基本國策ノ大綱ヲ策定スルコト左ノ  
 如シ



基本國策要綱

一 根本方針

皇國ノ國是ハ八紘チ一字トスル肇國ノ大精神ニ基キ世界平和ノ確立  
チ招來スルコトヲ以テ根本トシ先ツ皇國ヲ核心トシ日滿支ノ強固ナ  
ル結合ヲ根幹トスル大東亞ノ新秩序ヲ建設スルニ在リ  
之カ爲皇國自ラ速ニ新事態ニ即應スル不拔ノ國家態勢ヲ確立シ國家  
ノ總力ヲ擧ゲテ右國是ノ具現ニ邁進ス

二 國防及外交

皇國內外ノ新情勢ニ鑑ミ國家總力發揮ノ國防國家體制ヲ基底トシ國  
是遂行ニ遺憾ナキ軍備ヲ充實ス  
皇國現下ノ外交ハ大東亞ノ新秩序建設ヲ根幹トシ先ツ其ノ重心ヲ支  
那事變ノ完遂ニ當リ國際的大變局ヲ遠觀シ建設的ニシテ且ツ彈力性  
ニ富ム施策ヲ講シ以テ皇國國運ノ進展ヲ期ス

三、國內態勢ノ刷新

我國内政ノ急務ハ國體ノ本義ニ基キ諸政ヲ一新シ國防國家體制ノ基礎ヲ確立スルニ在リ之カ爲左記諸件ノ實現ヲ期ス

1、國體ノ本義ニ透徹スル教學ノ刷新ト相俟テ自我功利ノ思想ヲ排シ國家奉仕ノ觀念ヲ第一義トスル國民道德ヲ確立ス尙科學的精神ノ振興ヲ期ス

2、強力ナル新政治體制ヲ確立シ國政ノ綜合的統一ヲ圖ル

イ、官民協力一致各々其ノ職域ニ應シ國家ニ奉公スルコトヲ基調トスル新國民組織ノ確立

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ハ、行政ノ運用ニ根本的刷新ヲ加ヘ其ノ統一ト敏活トヲ目標トスル官場新態勢ノ確立

3、皇國ヲ中心トスル日滿支三國經濟ノ自主的建設ヲ基調トシ國防經濟ノ根基ヲ確立ス

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4、國是遂行ノ原動力タル國民ノ資質、體力ノ向上並ニ人口増加ニ

關スル恒久的の方策特ニ農業及農家ノ安定發展ニ關スル根本方策ヲ樹立スル

5、國策ノ遂行ニ伴フ國民犧牲ノ不均衡ノ是正ヲ斷行シ厚生の諸施策ノ徹底ヲ期スルト共ニ國民生活ヲ刷新シ眞ニ忍苦十年時難克服ニ適應スル質實剛健ナル國民生活ノ水準ヲ確保ス

基本國策要綱

(八月一日發表)

世界ハ今ヤ歴史的一大轉機ニ際會シ數個ノ國家群ノ生成發展ヲ基調トスル新ナル政治經濟文化ノ創成ヲ見ントシ、皇國亦有史以來ノ大試鍊ニ直面ス、コノ秋ニ當リ新ニ肇國ノ大精神ニ基ク皇國ノ國是ヲ完遂セントヒハ右世界史的發展ノ必然的動向ヲ把握シテ庶政百般ニ亘リ速ニ根本的刷新ヲ加ヘ萬難ヲ排シテ國防國家體制ノ完成ニ邁進スルコトヲ以テ刻下喫緊ノ要務トス、依ツテ基本國策ノ大綱ヲ策定スルコト左ノ如シ

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