

THE CONTEXT AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PARTY'S LEADERSHIP IN PROMOTING THE ROLE OF THE VIETNAM FATHERLAND FRONT IN BUILDING GREAT NATIONAL UNITY

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ABSTRACT

In the current context, the world and regional situation continues to have complex and unpredictable developments, directly affecting the cause of national construction and defense. In Vietnam, the renovation, international integration and the strong development of science and technology have both opened up opportunities and posed many new challenges. In response to that requirement, promoting the role of the Vietnam Fatherland Front in consolidating and strengthening the great national unity bloc is of particular importance. This requires comprehensive, timely and creative leadership of the Party. This is also the basis for mobilizing people's strength, creating a great driving force for the country's sustainable development.

Keywords: Party leadership, Vietnam Fatherland Front, great national unity.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. World and domestic context

From 2016 to 2021, the world and regional situation has changed dramatically, rapidly, profoundly, complicatedly and unpredictably, with opportunities and advantages intertwined with difficulties and challenges. Peace, national independence, democracy, cooperation and development are still major trends. Globalization, international integration, scientific and technological revolution... continue to have vibrant developments, with many new breakthroughs. Besides the favorable aspects, the world and regional situation has many potential risks of causing instability for all countries. Political crises have occurred in many countries; the world economy has not regained growth momentum and is recovering slowly; strategic competition between major countries. Since the end of 2019, the Covid-19 pandemic that began in China has quickly spread globally, disrupting the global supply chain, seriously threatening the lives of people around the world. As Vietnam increasingly integrates internationally, the above unfavorable developments have a direct impact on our country.

After 30 years of implementing the renovation policy, 5 years of implementing the Platform for national construction in the transitional period to socialism (supplemented and developed in 2011), our country has achieved great achievements of historical significance on the path of building socialism and defending the socialist Fatherland. The economy has overcome many difficulties and challenges; the macro-economy is basically stable; inflation is under control; politics and society are stable; national defense and security are strengthened. The increasingly deep industrialization, modernization and international integration process has created a strong shift in the structure of labor and population between regions, increasing the urban population, and lacking

quality labor in rural areas. More and more new occupations and types of services have appeared in society. People's lives have been increasingly improved, national spirit and patriotism have been strongly aroused, the great national unity bloc has been maintained, the close relationship and trust of the People towards the Party and the State have been constantly consolidated, all classes of people have promoted their mastery, united and competed to build and defend the Fatherland. People are happy and excited about the great achievements in many areas of the renovation, construction and development of the country. The Party's strong leadership and direction, the State's determination to innovate in management and administration, and the results achieved in socio-economic development, anti-corruption, waste prevention, national defense and security, foreign affairs expansion, etc. continue to strengthen the People's trust. The above socio-economic achievements are favorable conditions for the Party to lead the Front to strongly promote its role as a driving force in building the great national unity bloc.

However, in addition to the advantages, the domestic situation also has many difficulties, which have unfavorable impacts on the great national unity bloc, as well as on the Party's leadership in promoting the role of the Front in building and strengthening the great national unity. The gap between rich and poor tends to increase, a part of the people with low income, especially in remote areas, ethnic minority areas, still have many difficulties in life; the increasing gap in income and living standards between urban and rural areas, between plains and mountainous areas, remote areas, border areas, and islands tends to increase. Hostile forces take advantage of difficulties and loopholes in the leadership and direction of the Party, State, and political system, taking advantage of ethnic, religious, democratic, and human rights issues to incite, incite, and entice to divide the great national unity bloc, especially to divide the Party, State, and the People. The degradation of political ideology, morality, lifestyle, manifestations of "self-evolution" and "self-transformation" among a number of cadres, party members, civil servants, and public employees; bureaucracy, corruption, waste, and negativity have not been thoroughly prevented, reducing people's trust in the Party. The outbreak of the COVID-2019 pandemic has had a negative impact on people's lives.

2. NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PARTY IN LEADING THE VIETNAM FATHERLAND FRONT TO PROMOTE ITS ROLE IN BUILDING THE GREAT NATIONAL UNITY BLOC

After 30 years of implementing the Doi Moi policy, the country is facing new opportunities in development and international integration. The 12th National Congress of the Party (January 2016) grasped the situation and set out the general goals for the 2016-2020 term as follows: "Strengthening the building of a clean and strong Party, improving the leadership and fighting capacity of the Party, building a strong political system. Promoting the strength of the entire nation and socialist democracy. Comprehensively and synchronously promoting the renovation process; developing the economy rapidly and sustainably, striving to soon turn our country into a basically modern industrialized country. Improving the material and spiritual life of the people. Resolutely and persistently fighting to firmly protect the independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of the Fatherland, protecting the Party, the State, the people and the socialist regime. Maintaining peace and stability, proactively and actively integrating internationally to develop the country; enhancing the position and prestige of Vietnam in the region and the world"¹.

Communist Party of Vietnam (2016), *Documents of the 12th National Congress of Delegates*, National Political¹
Publishing House, Hanoi, pp.429-430

The goals set by the 12th National Party Congress require the entire Party, the entire people, and the entire army to join hands, be united, have high political determination, seize opportunities, limit risks and challenges, mobilize all resources, promote the strength of the nation and the strength of the times, and strive to realize the goal of a rich people, a strong country, democracy, equality, and civilization. The goal also requires the Party to strengthen leadership and promote the role of the Fatherland Front in building the great national unity bloc; the Front continues to innovate its thinking, methods of mobilizing, gathering, and rallying forces, and it is necessary to have new factors and goals suitable to the development of the country as well as the times in order to unite closely, substantially, effectively, and sustainably.

In addition, it is necessary to continue to innovate the content and methods of leadership for the Fatherland Front in a democratic, practical, effective direction, respecting the initiative and creativity of the Fatherland Front. The Party must lead so that the Fatherland Front truly becomes a bridge between the Party, the State and the people to gather and unite widely all classes and social strata, including compatriots abroad, to create a unified strength, promoting both internal and external forces in building and defending the Fatherland.

3. CONCLUSION

It can be seen that, in the new context with many intertwined opportunities and challenges, promoting the role of the Vietnam Fatherland Front in building and consolidating the great national unity bloc is a strategic task, of vital significance to the revolutionary cause. To carry out this task well, it is necessary to have the correct, steadfast and creative leadership of the Party, ensuring the close connection between the Party, the State and the people. Only when the strength of great national unity is brought into full play, can our country overcome difficulties, seize opportunities, develop sustainably and firmly on the path of building socialism.

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