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Abstract

United States and Vietnam had no diplomatic relations after the Vietnam War in 1975. United States also implemented embargo in economy and military relations. The effort to re-establish formal relations started in 1989 on both sides. After several adjustments, the diplomatic relations was opened again in 1995 under Bill Clinton administration. The re-establishment then followed by strengthening relation in several areas such as economy and education. However, the military embargo still implemented before it was lifted in 2014. The lifting was on the same moment with China's harsh move on South China Sea dispute and the plan of Vietnam to diversify its military capability which highly relied on Russia as former partner on Cold War. This undergraduate thesis will seek the reason behind the decision to lift arms embargo to Vietnam. The writer would focus on the actors who involved in the decision making process and their role in the government system.

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