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STATEMENT
BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF VIET NAM
at the 2nd UPR Cycle of the Netherlands
(Thursday 31 May 2012, 9:00 am - 12:30 am)

Madam President,

1. Viet Nam welcomes the delegation of the Netherlands led by H.E Ms. Liesbeth Spies and thanks her delegation for the detailed presentation of their UPR national report. We appreciate the broad consultation during report drafting process with the participation of a large number of ministries, agencies and organizations.
2. We note the commitments of the Netherlands to the UPR process as well as its efforts in implementing the recommendations of the 1st UPR cycle. Like others, the Netherlands commits to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms and the country has spared no resources for this cause. Along with policies and measures taken, results have been recognized in education, social welfare and the establishment of new human rights mechanisms, such as the Institute for Human Rights and the Children's Ombudsman.
3. However, there remain shortcomings and challenges. Racial discrimination, child abuse and violence against women and migrant women are among the concerns, which require more attention in the promotion and protection of all human rights in the Netherlands.

Madam President,

In this regard, Viet Nam wishes to make two recommendations for the Netherlands:

1. *First:* to strengthen its policies and measures for guaranteeing all socio-economic and cultural rights; to ensure those policies not to impede the full enjoyment of these rights in the context of global and regional financial crisis.
2. *Second:* to take appropriate measures in combating the discrimination and marginalization against vulnerable groups, particularly the migrants; minorities, women, children and persons with disabilities.

I thank you./.