

STATEMENT OF VIET NAM

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during the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) on the Philippines at the 13th session  
of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council

Madam President,

My delegation would like to welcome and thank the high-level delegation of the Philippines, headed by Her Excellency Ms. Leila de Lima, , for the presentation of the country's report.  
*Minister of Justice*

Viet Nam highly appreciates the Philippine Government's efforts to deepening and broadening their commitments to human rights, in particular the second Philippine Human Rights Plan 2012-2017 which invokes the human rights-based approach to development as one of the main guiding principles. We also welcome great achievements by Philippines in all human rights fields, especially in the pursuit of different Millennium Development Goals and the implementation of the UPR 1<sup>st</sup> cycle's recommendations, with special attention given to vulnerable groups like women, children, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, migrant workers. We also applaud the Philippine's efforts to fulfill their commitments to many core international human rights instruments such as the CRC and the CAT.

Given the fact that the human rights protection and promotion are a continue process, we would like to make the following recommendations to the Philippine delegation:

- 1/ To intensify the efforts and measures to consolidate the state of law and its national mechanisms on human rights
- 2/ To further mainstream human rights in all policies, programmes and activities of the Government;
- 3/ To provide more resources for the pursuit of all MDGs and the promotion of economic, social and cultural rights for the population, particularly social vulnerable groups and those who live in remote areas.

I thank you, Madam President.