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STATEMENT
BY THE DELEGATION OF VIETNAM
at the 13th Working Group of South Africa
(Thursday 31 May 2012, 2:30 pm - 6:00 pm)

Mr. Vice President,

1. Viet Nam warmly welcomes South Africa's delegation led by H.E. Mr. Andries Nel and thanks him for the comprehensive presentation of their UPR national report.
2. Viet Nam highly appreciates South Africa's ongoing commitments for promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as its efforts in building the solidarity in the country. South Africa's seriousness in implementing the recommendations of the 1st UPR cycle is an illustration of such efforts.
3. We acknowledge that, with challenges and difficulties which a multi-ethnic and multi-culture country like South Africa has to face, tireless efforts and remarkable achievements on education, health care, economy growth and job creation in South Africa are so commendable.

Mr. Vice President,

In such context, Viet Nam wishes to make two recommendations for South Africa:

1. *First:* to strengthen its policies and measures to consolidate the State of Law, as well as social cohesion, tolerance and non-discrimination in the country.
2. *Second:* to continue its favorable policies aiming at the full enjoyment of cultural, economic and social rights, especially for the vulnerable groups, including women, children, the elderly, the minorities and persons with difficulties.

I thank you./.