

STATEMENT

by Dr. PHAM Quoc Tru, Minister, Deputy Permanent Representative at the 2nd cycle of the UPR of Pakistan

Madam President,

The <u>Vietnamese</u> delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Pakistan led by Her Excellency Minister of Foreign Affairs and thanks her for the excellent and concise presentation this morning. Pakistan' seriousness and efforts on the promotion of human rights, inter alia, in implementing the 1st cycle recommendations and preparing the 2nd UPR national report, are commendable.

Since her 1st UPR in 2008, Pakistan has continued noteworthy progress in poverty reduction, social welfare and health system, just to name a few. Concrete steps also taken in strengthening the rule of law, reforming legal system and empowering instutions for a better protection of human rights.

Understanding current challenges of Pakistan, we would like to recommend Pakistan to ensure adequate ressources in implementing the MDGs with priority focused on vulnerable groups such as women and children.

I thank you, Madam President./.

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