



**STATEMENT OF VIET NAM**  
by H.E Mr. THANH T. NGUYEN, Ambassador, Permanent Representative  
*at the 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle of the UPR Report of Bahamas*  
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Mr. President,

Viet Nam warmly welcomes and thanks the delegation of Bahamas headed by H.E. .... for the presentation this afternoon. The high-level presence at this meeting, obviously illustrating Bahamas' seriousness and strong commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights, as well as to the UPR process, is so commendable.

We are pleased to note concrete initiatives and achievements so far in protecting and promoting human rights in Bahamas: the high Human Development Index (HDI), the ratification of numerous international human rights instruments of which the ICCPR and ICESCR in 2008, the establishment of Inter-Ministry Committee on trafficking in persons in 2011...just to name a few.

In this regard, my delegation also takes good note of Bahamas' careful preparation for the UPR 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle with a broad consultation with national, international agencies and non governmental organizations.

Having said that, we therefore recommend Bahamas:

- Firstly to consolidate her positive results in the fields mentioned above;
- Secondly, to strengthen the rule of law and the current legal reform process for better ensuring equality, freedom and enjoyment of all human rights for her people
- And thirdly, to guarantee human rights mainstreaming in policies and actions combating illegal migration and human rights trafficking.

I thank you./.