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STATEMENT OF VIET NAM

by H.E. Mr. THANH T. NGUYEN, Ambassador, Permanent Representative
at the UPR 2nd cycle of Mali
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Mr. President,

Viet Nam welcomes the high-level delegation of Mali led by H.E. Mr., Minister of Justice and thank him for the presentation on the human rights situation in the country over the last 4 years.

We agree with Mr. Minister that many challenges and difficulties are now confronting the protection and promotion of fundamental rights and freedoms in Mali. We have been closely following the current crisis and share with others the concern over serious violations of human rights, especially those against vulnerable groups in Mali. In this regard, we believe that with the international and regional support, Mali will spare no efforts and resources to restore the normalcy, stability and peace for a better guarantee of human rights for all Mali people.

At the UPR session of Mali today, my delegation also acknowledges her endeavour in implementing 1st cycle recommendations since 2008 as well as her encouraging results: the establishment of new universities in Bamako, the launch of Growth and Poverty Reduction Strategic Framework 2012-2017, the legal reform, just to name a few. As a developing country like Mali still faces numerous hardship, these results are so commendable.

We wish Mali success, peace and prosperity.

I thank you, Mr. President./.

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