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STATEMENT OF VIET NAM

by H. E. Mr. THANH T. NGUYEN, Ambassador, Permanent Representative
at the 15th session of the HRC WG on UPR of the United Arab Emirates
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Mr. President,

Joining others, Viet Nam warmly welcomes and thanks the delegation of the United Arab Emirates headed by His Excellency Minister for Foreign Affairs for the presentation this afternoon.

Viet Nam commends the UAE's serious commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights as well as to this UPR process. It is noteworthy that the UAE has made numerous measures in building and improving the legal framework and institutional infrastructure for human rights over the last 4 years. The establishment of Human Rights Department, the Committee to combat human trafficking offences as well as a set of interrelated national strategies in advancement of women and children...just to name a few.

Viet Nam is also pleased to see UAE's good appearance in the list of international human rights-related index such as the HDI, the rule of law index. Applauding her contributions to the international cooperation on human rights and her efforts in ensuring all human rights, Viet Nam shares the UAE's view that no country can pretend a perfect record on human rights. In a constructive spirit, Viet Nam recommends the UAE improve her policies and measures aiming at fostering justice, equality, tolerance as well as the full guarantee of human rights for vulnerable groups, in particular women and foreign workers.

We wish UAE well and success.

I thank you, Mr. President./.

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