



## STATEMENT OF VIET NAM

**By H.E. Ambassador/Permanent Representative Thanh T. Nguyen**

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*Mr. President,*

My Vietnamese Delegation would like to thank H.E Vice President Angelino Garzón for the presentation of the Report prepared with broad engagement with all stakeholders.

Viet Nam notes with satisfaction that Colombia has made a steady progress on social-economic development and human rights promotion and protection. Colombia's remarkable efforts and achievements are seen on the implementation of several important national programmes and mechanisms.

*Mr. President,*

While welcoming Colombia's active efforts and significant achievements and sharing that there remains difficulties and challenges ahead, we recommend Colombia:

1. To increase her efforts on socio-economic reform and strengthen law enforcement system toward enhancing national reconciliation, combatting violence, illegal armed groups and maintaining public order.

2. To allocate resources and accelerate national programmes on job creation, poverty reduction, decent housing, land restitution, gender equality and improvement of education and health care services.

Viet Nam looks forward to strengthening cooperation with Columbia in the works of the HR Council, and wish Colombia well.

I thank you./.