STATEMENT OF VIET NAM

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Mr. President.

Our Vietnamese Delegation warmly welcomes and thanks Minister Alexander Konovalov, for his succinct presentation and subsequent responses. Viet Nam highly commends Russia's proactive and broad engagement in preparing the comprehensive Report.

Viet Nam notes with delight that Russia has made continuous and solid moves in legislative and institutional reforms and steady progress in bettering the human rights and fundamental freedoms for her entire people.

Viet Nam also commends Russia's serious commitments to regional and international cooperation on human rights, such as the European Social Charter among other treaties.

Viet Nam encourages Russia:

- 1. To continue strengthening the democratic, federative and law-based State with a republican form of government and constituent entities with equal rights; and
- 2. To streamline and harmonize domestic legislations with international obligations for furthering the rights of vulnerable groups, such as women, children, the elderly and the migrants, with greater focus on education, health care and social welfare.

Вшево Хорошево - Бальшое Спасибо!

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