



## 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 welcome the Delegation of Turkmenistan and thanks H.E Mr. Wepa Hajiyevev, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, for the comprehensive presentation of the country's second UPR Report today.

Viet Nam commends the remarkable efforts of Turkmenistan in socio-economic development, including very high economic growth of average 11% over the last 5 years.

Viet Nam highly appreciates the serious commitments of Turkmenistan since her first UPR in 2008, with encouraging achievements in legislative reform, job creation, education, health care and social security.

*Mr. President,*

While sharing the challenges and difficulties faced by a developing country such as Turkmenistan, Viet Nam would appreciate if the recommendations Turkmenistan would:

(i) Continue her efforts in balancing between the implementation of civil, political rights and economic, social and cultural rights, especially on the rights of life, liberty and security of the person; and

(ii) Adopt all necessary measures to further improve the social infrastructure and welfare floor for better promotion and protection of the rights of vulnerable groups, such as women, children, rural inhabitants and ethnic minorities.

We look forward to continue engaging with Turkmenistan and wish the country every further success.

I thank you./.

