



**STATEMENT OF VIET NAM**

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

Tuvalu's 2<sup>nd</sup> UPR

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*Madam Vice President,*

Viet Nam would like to express a very warm “Ulufale mai” to the Tuvalu delegation led by Her Excellency Attorney General Eselealofa Apinelu for the update efforts of Tuvalu as seen in the country’s practical Report today.

It is noteworthy that, since her 1st UPR in 2008, Tuvalu has made a remarkable progress to ensure that human rights standards are included in national legislation, with the formation and implementation of several important acts on Constitution Amendment, Leadership Code, Police Powers and Duties, as well as on Public Enterprises and Environmental Protection.

*Madam Vice President,*

Being a developing country, Viet Nam shares Tuvalu’s constraints and challenges in the implementation of human rights obligations as mentioned in her report. Viet Nam, therefore, recommends Tuvalu:

1. Work close with the OHCHR and the Council for considering eventual participation to core international instruments on human rights.
2. Step up efforts in implementing the current national priorities, including the Policy for youth and women advancement, Education strategic plan, Climate change adaptation program and the National sustainable development strategy.

Viet Nam calls upon the international community, especially the OHCHR, to provide further support and assistance to Tuvalu, so as to overcome challenges facing the remote Island Country.

Viet Nam stands ready to work closely and shares our experience with Tuvalu and wishes Tuvalu every success.

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I thank you Madam President./.