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STATEMENT OF VIET NAM

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

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Mr. President,

My Vietnamese delegation welcomes the Delegation of Uzbekistan and thanks H.E Mr. Akmal Saidov, Chairman of the National Human Rights Center, for the presentation of the Report, which was prepared with broad consultations of stakeholders.

Viet Nam highly appreciates that Uzbekistan have carried out some important reforms in the legislation, judicial and legal systems, including the Constitution amendment and adoptions of several acts on legislative instruments, criminal code and elections at local levels.

We also appreciate that Uzbekistan has seriously implemented most of the recommendations to her at the first UPR cycle and achieved encouraging progress on education, health care, elimination of racial discrimination and trafficking of women and children.

Mr. President,

While commending the above-said positive development, Viet Nam shares the observations that Uzbekistan could do more to continue bringing about prosperity and happiness to her people. Our two recommendations to Uzbekistan include:

1. To continue her efforts on current national action plans for job creation, quality education, health care and social security, with more focus on vulnerable groups of women, children, persons with difficulties, migrants and ethnic minorities.
2. To further strengthen national human rights institutions and mechanisms, especially on capacity building for law enforcement authorities and the judicial systems in the fields of child labor, trafficking women and organized crimes.

Viet Nam looks forward to further cooperative engagement with Uzbekistan in the works of the HRC.

I thank you./.