



STATEMENT OF VIET NAM

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During the 2nd UPR of Belize at the
17th session of the UPR working Group of the Human Rights Council
(14:30-18:00, Monday, October 28, 2013)

Mr. Vice President,

My delegation thanks the delegation of Belize for the comprehensive presentation on the country's continued efforts in upholding good commitments to the UPR process by seriously implementing the accepted recommendations to her since the first UPR cycle.

Viet Nam welcomes important human rights achievements by Belize in the last 4 years, including those on institutional reform, gender balance, education, children protection, youth rights, health care and social protection.

Mr. Vice President,

In view of the existing difficulties and challenges ahead, we therefore have two recommendations to Belize:

1. Continue its momentum on legislations and judiciary reforms toward strengthening the rule of law state, good governance and broader participation of people in socio-economic decision-making processes and human rights protection and promotion in the country.
2. Step up the implementation of the current national strategies and actions plans, with more priorities to address the challenges of poverty reduction, food security, education, health care, gender equality and social welfare.

I thank you./.