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STATEMENT OF VIET NAM
by H.E. Mr. THANH T. NGUYEN, Ambassador, Permanent Representative
at the 17th session of the HRC WG on UPR of Nigeria
(Geneva, 22 October 2013)

Mr. President,

Viet Nam warmly welcomes and commends the Nigerian delegation led by H.E.....for its presentation, reflecting its seriousness in preparing the second UPR.

Nigeria has scored over the last 4 years remarkable developments in many fields. Viet Nam is pleased to note Nigeria's continued engagement in human rights legislative and institutional infrastructure, such as the all-inclusive justice reform and the accession to many human rights core instruments. Moreover, Nigeria's concrete initiatives in comprehensively ensuring and advancing the enjoyment of human rights for her people are also commendable, namely access to affordable housing, bolstered national health system, improved the socio-economic well-being, and on-going fight against corruption.

Yet, there are still challenges currently facing Nigeria as the national report obviously recognizes. Viet Nam therefore suggests Nigeria's requested technical assistance requested receive appropriate response from the international and regional community. At this UPR session today, Viet Nam would like to recommend Nigeria to continue her efforts and measures in investing in education for all as a means to guarantee the gender equality and to foster the human rights culture in the society.

I would like to conclude with our best wishes for Nigeria's success.

I thank you, Mr. President./.